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M-72 in county to get passing lane

Six MDOT projects
planned for Crawford

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Michigan Department of Transportation unveiled its 1997 Transportation Improvement Program which officials hope will help build a better Michigan through road, bridge, air, public transportation and rail improvements.

Crawford County is included in MDOT's northern Michigan portion of the improvement program, as seven projects involve improvements to state roadways within the county and one project assists the public transportation service in the county.

One of the biggest changes from the improvement program in Crawford County will be the addition of a passing relief area on a specific portion of M-72. MDOT will construct 1.4 miles of passing relief lanes on M-72 from west of M-93 to M-93.

Four improvements in Crawford County involve the resurfacing of the roadway. The state roadways in the county which will be resurfaced are: 4.5 miles of northbound I-75 from M-72 to north of M-93; 2.6 miles of I-75 Business Loop from M-72 west junction to Hartwick Pines Road; nine miles of M-72 from east of Stephan Bridge Road to west of M-18; and five miles of I-75 Business Loop from Old-27 to old entrance of Hartwick Pines State Park.

MDOT also has scheduled to chip seal six miles of M-72 from Industrial Drive to Stephan Bridge Road. Another

planned project within the county is to upgrade the guard rail on nine miles of I-75 from US-27 to north of M-93.

As a part of the northern Michigan public transportation projects, MDOT has scheduled to purchase maintenance equipment for Crawford Transit in Grayling.

According to Bill Label, MDOT's area district engineer, the money for these projects focuses on projects

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— MDOT's Bill Label
on the scheduled construction
of a passing lane on M-72

involving fixing up interstates, non-interstate state roads, and to provide for safety projects for Michigan drivers.

Label explained that there was between \$2 million and \$2.5 million available for passing relief lanes in northeast Michigan. MDOT officials look at a number of factors before picking which locations will be constructed, such as the one in Crawford County.

"What we are looking for is roads that have large tourist traffic in the summer," Label said. "Specifically, large amounts of RV and truck traffic, because this can make drivers frustrated when they can't pass these vehicles."

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Thanks, Easter Bunny



VISITING WITH THE EASTER BUNNY--Seven-month-old Justice (left), and six-year-old John sit on the Easter Bunny's lap at Hanson Hills on Saturday, March 30. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled because of the weather, but the Easter Bunny was there to greet the children. John and Justice are the children of John and Michelle Cochrane.

photo by Lisa Hofman

Baldwin to retire after 30 years of service

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Once Nancy Baldwin started kindergarten at Frederic Elementary School, she never left.

"I graduated from school in 1966 and I started working here in September 1966," Baldwin said.

Baldwin, the present secretary, will be retiring at the end of this school year.

"I've enjoyed my job and I've gotten to know a lot of people, but I think it's time to retire," Baldwin said.

According to Baldwin, at first the job was hard for her. "I was a very shy and quiet person. I think this job has helped me because I'm more outspoken and I'm not afraid of facing people," Baldwin said.

Baldwin was originally hired to work in the lunchroom to serve food to the kids.

However, since that time Baldwin has worked in the library, as an outside recess monitor and then finally as the secretary.

"At one time I was doing all of it," Baldwin said. "But gradually people

were hired and my duties were cut down to just secretarial duties."

As the school's secretary Baldwin has answered the phones, done a lot of typing and even watched kids after they misbehaved in class and were sent to the office.

"I always liked this job because I never knew what would happen from one minute to the next," Baldwin said.

"One year the whole building squeezed into the office to sing me 'Happy Birthday,'" Baldwin said.

Although Baldwin has seen countless numbers of people as she's worked in the office, the strangest thing she saw while working involved an animal.

"We had a skunk come into the kindergarten room. It just walked in, walked between the teacher's feet and then turned around and decided to go back outside," Baldwin said.

Since becoming the school's secretary Baldwin has worked with as many as seven principals, including present principal Pat Nunn.

"It takes time to adjust to them because you have to learn which way



Nancy Baldwin

they like things done," Baldwin said. "But, I've enjoyed working with all of the principals."

According to Nunn, as the school's secretary, Baldwin has touched the lives of a lot of students.

"She has been extremely vital to

this building and the community will suffer a loss without her here next year," Nunn said. "Nancy is the type of person who wants to finish her job and just walk out the door without any hullabaloo. But on May 9, she will be recognized at the (Crawford AuSable schools Board of Education) Recognition Night," Nunn said.

Task force, promoter work as fast as they can to gather details about proposed race track

Public hearing next step
in slow-moving process

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

For all types of races, from drag races to NASCAR events, the term to describe these competitions is "Life in the fast lane."

The race cars do travel at fast speeds, but the process to determine the feasibility and the information gathering to build a large race-track facility takes time.

This is a slow process, said Phil Parmelee, the lead promoter of the Edges race-track project. The people involved with the project are moving as fast as they can to complete this process.

Parmelee leads a group of financial backers in building the proposed speedway in Crawford County. Parmelee also has proposed the project in Lake County.

The project was first proposed in Crawford County in February at two Crawford County Board of Commissioners meetings. The commissioners passed a motion at their Feb. 18 meeting to invite Parmelee to meet with the Frederic Township board and/or an established task force.

A task force has since been formed, and the group has been gathering data and answers to specific questions concerning the project.

The task force and Parmelee will be providing information about their findings about the raceway and a location in Crawford County. This information will be delivered at a public hearing in which task force members and Parmelee will be conducting.

Persons involved are hoping to hold the meeting sometime in April.

The specific location of the proposed project within Crawford County has not been determined, but the promoters will have to get state land released from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) no matter which location is chosen.

The process of working through the DNR to get the land released has not started at this time. Parmelee said one of the requirements of the DNR is to have a public hearing conducted first.

This is not the first time Parmelee has worked at getting land released from the state to build his proposed facility. The Edges project was first proposed in Kalkaska County, but it was not finalized because promoters could not get the state land from the DNR.

According to Parmelee, the promoters have learned a lot of lessons from the Kalkaska experience.

"We have a much better idea of how to work with the state and DNR, and what their requirements are," Parmelee said.

The county commissioners and the Frederic Township board members passed motions to look favorably upon or support Parmelee's request for acquisition of state land for the three race-track facility.

Answers sought to golf community questions

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A proposed private golf community in South Branch Township will be discussed at the next South Branch Township meeting. A concerned citizens' group will be in attendance at the Tuesday, April 8, meeting in search of answers to specific questions about the project.

The Citizens Environmental Action Coalition (CEAC) was formed by some South Branch residents concerned with the Forest Dune Golf and Country Club project, and the impact it could have on the area.

Leane Tingstad, the CEAC's public relations officer, said the group members will be coming to the meeting prepared with questions, which hopefully they can get answers to. According to Tingstad, the group also urges other county residents to attend the meeting with questions or concerns.

The project to be discussed is planned to be located where the South Branch Ranch formerly resided in South Branch Township. The Forest Dunes project is planned to be a 1,200-acre, private, gate-guarded country club community. The real estate development firm spearheading the project is based in Scottsdale, Ariz.

There are four residents who make up the core group of the citizens' group, CEAC is in its early stages of forming, so the core group is hoping to pick up

additional members at the township meeting.

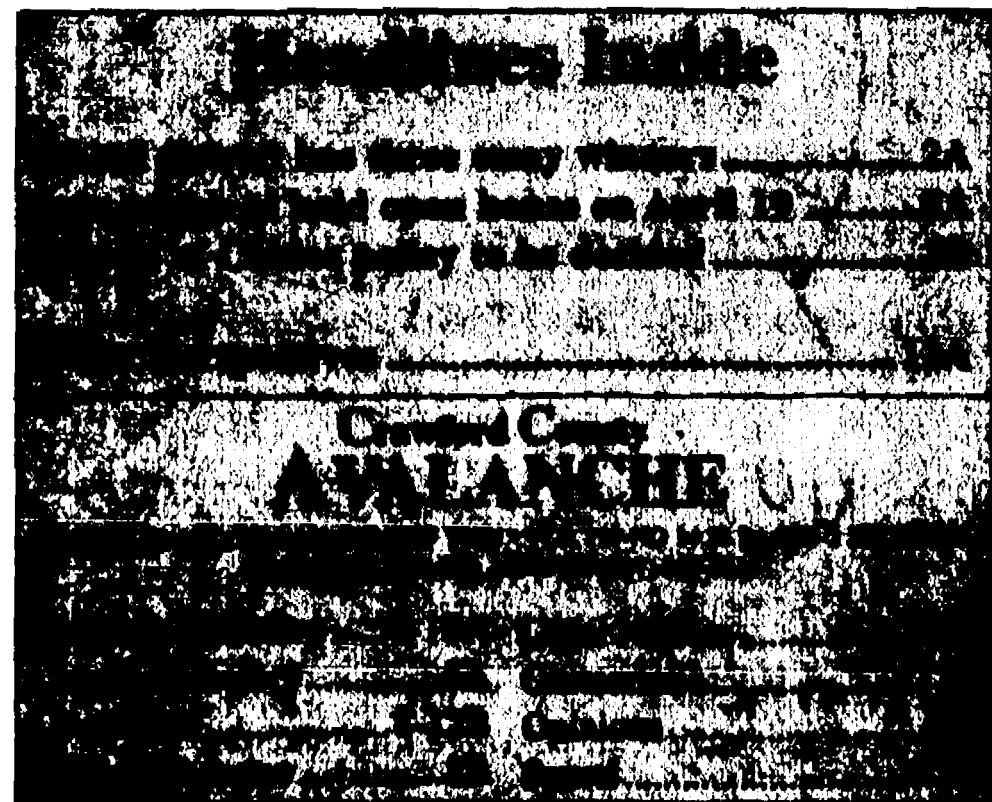
Debra Hamburg is the president of the group and Barbara Clark is the secretary. Tingstad and Tom Kozlowski are the public relations official and the group spokesperson, respectively.

The group members say their group is a grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the South Branch of the AuSable River and its surrounding natural areas, tributaries and wetlands.

CEAC represents a wide range of views. Some of the members just want to see the project done right and some are directly opposed to the project, Tingstad said. The group was started because people have the idea that this project is a done deal, but it is not too late to get involved.

The core group of CEAC have done the legal and information digging in regard to the project. Tingstad said the members have talked with some other organizations, including the US Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and the Sierra Club.

The golf course project will be listed on the township agenda, said Township Clerk Laura Smith. The April 8 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the South Branch Township Hall, which is located at 5245 North M-18, about five miles east of Roscommon.



The 10th Annual Pictionary Olympics Was A Great Success

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School district has three essay winners

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Three students in the Crawford AuSable Schools were recently announced as United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) essay contest winners.

In the district, Janelle Gregorich, sixth grader at Grayling Middle School, placed first; Stephanie Wakeley, sixth grader at Grayling Middle School, placed second; Jessica Demoines, fourth grader at Frederic Elementary School, placed third.

In its third year, to increase school breakfast program participation, UDIM's contest theme featured the fictitious characters, Agent G (commander of the UDIM's Breakfast Squad (B-Squad) and Dr. Breakfast.

"Dr. Breakfast is an evil man who tries to get kids not to eat breakfast," Stephanie said.

Essayists were asked to help solve the case of how to stop Dr. Breakfast and convince kids to eat breakfast.

According to GMS language arts teacher Donnell Pummell, Janelle created a dream machine to encourage kids to eat breakfast.

"I encouraged kids to eat breakfast so they would get energy," Stephanie



Stephanie Wakeley (left) and Janelle Gregorich



Jessica Demoines

contest awards ceremony at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center on March 21.

"I had to read my essay along with nine other people in front of a big group," Janelle said.

Janelle was awarded a \$500 savings bond, a T-shirt and a plaque while at MSU.

Stephanie and Jessica each received T-shirts and everyone who entered the contest received a miniature spy camera.

Janelle is the daughter of Dianne and Jon Gregorich of Grayling.

Stephanie is the daughter of Cy and Beth Wakeley of Grayling.

Jessica is the daughter of Dawn and Mike Demoines of Frederic.

Febey to continue studies in London

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Tim Febey, son of Richard and Barbara Febey, Grayling, learned in February that he would have the opportunity to study at the Royal Academy of Music/King's College in London, England.

"School starts in late September, so I'll leave (Grayling) a couple weeks before that so I can get settled," Febey said.

Febey, a trombonist, began playing the trombone in the fifth grade band at Grayling Middle School. The band was conducted by Dennis Ormsbee.

Febey began taking private lessons in 1992. In January 1994, Febey began taking lessons from Robert Lindahl, the trombone instructor at Central Michigan University.

Febey began his high school career



Tim Febey

at Grayling High School. However, on July 30, 1994 he was accepted to Interlochen.

Febey graduated from Interlochen in 1996, but is currently taking post-graduate studies at Interlochen.

Febey believes it's fate that brought him to the Royal Academy of Music. "They don't offer jazz auditions in the United States. To audition I would've had to fly to London, but the head of the jazz department went to a jazz conference in Chicago. I took a train to Chicago and auditioned there and was told that I had been accepted."

On Feb. 23, Febey received his formal acceptance from the Royal Academy of Music. It was also learned that Febey will be "the first American jazz student accepted at the Royal Academy."

Editor's Quote Book

What I want is Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else, and root out everything else.

Charles Dickens



HONORS CHOIR -- The Grayling High School Honors Choir which performed at Western Michigan University in January is (left to right) Cliff Hadley (11), Deb Schreiner (12), Tricia Griesemer (9), Josh Colby (12), Anthony Renon (10), Heather Stevens (10), Dr. Craig Arnold (director of choral activities at WMU School of Music), Gretchen Ross (12), Heather Ross (10), Annie Becks (12) and Tony Reimer (10, not pictured).

Choir performs in honors concert

The Grayling High School choir participated in the Choral Honors Festival concert at Western Michigan University on Jan. 25.

The choir participated in a choral rehearsal, conducting clinics, enjoyed a voice recital by WMU students and faculty culminating in a performance at the Dalton Center Recital hall.

Students were invited to present a vocal solo for critique and to audition for the opportunity to perform their solo at the concert.

Annie Becks was one of four students selected to sing her solo during the concert. She sang "Everywhere I Look."

According to choir director Karen Ross, Grayling students made up 10 percent of the festival chorus featuring singers from throughout Michigan and Illinois.

The festival chorus performed the following songs: "Break Forth O Beauteous, Heavenly Light", "Last Words of David", "Ave Verum Corpus" and "Obey the Spirit of the Lord."

Lake State purchases the Detroit & Mackinaw Railway

On March 27 at 9 p.m. the transaction between Detroit & Mackinaw Railway and Lake State Railway Company was completed.

Lake State Railway Company has

purchased all of Detroit & Mackinaw Railway operating assets.

The lease between Detroit Mackinaw and Lake States was terminated with the purchase. Lake States had been leasing the railway from Detroit Mackinaw since February 17, 1992.

The purchase included not only the railway, but also rolling stocks and locomotives from the Detroit Mackinaw Railway.

This move solidifies the transportation base for the area, said Richard Van Buskirk, president of Lake State Railway Company.

Lake State Railway now extends from Bay City to Gaylord and from Pinconning to Rogers City along the Lake Huron coast. In the Crawford County area, the Lake State Railway runs from north of Roscommon through Crawford County to north of Waters.

The Lake State Railway Company is very proud of this accomplishment, Van Buskirk said. The company's customers and employees helped in this move, insuring the future of rail transportation in northeastern Michigan.



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Vikings rate well at Ferris State band festival

The Grayling High School band earned 17 I ratings and eight II ratings at the Ferris State University Solo and Ensemble festival on March 22.

Those receiving a I rating are as follows: Julia McAnallen/Heather Ross (bassoon), Deanna Fleischmann (flute), Erin Scott (French horn), Jessica Becks/Ann Becks (flute), Jessica Scott (flute);

Pat Lamie (clarinet), Carie Hellebuyck (alto saxophone), Tim Ormsbee (tuba), Ryan Gaffke (alto saxophone), Tiffany Ruark (flute), Sara Eagen (trumpet), Jessica Scott/Amy Martella (flute), Jessica Scott (piccolo);

Deanna Fleischmann/Natalie Kent/Pat Lamie/Becky Pilon/Erin Scott/Heather Ross (woodwind ensemble), Ryan Gaffke/Gretchen Ross/Brandy Plutko (alto saxophone), Brandy Plutko (baritone saxophone) and Brandy Plutko (flute).

Those receiving a II rating are as follows: Natalie Kent (oboe), Heather Ross (bassoon), Julia McAnallen (bassoon), Erin Scott/Amy Doherty (French horn);

Brooke Ginther/Amanda Fehey/Clark Wilcox/Neil Jozsa/Tim Ormsbee (brass ensemble), Colleen Dale (clarinet), Ann Becks (flute) and Tricia Griesmer (alto saxophone).

Jessica Scott was nominated to be a state soloist. She will audition at Western Michigan University on April 10.



SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTESTANTS -- The solo and ensemble contest participants from the Grayling High School band are (front, from left) Deanna Fleischmann, Jessica Becks, Brooke Ginther, Tiffany Ruark, Brandy Plutko, Julia McAnallen, Jessica Scott, Tricia Griesmer, Becky Pilon and Sara Eagen. The back row (l-r) is Erin Scott, Tim Ormsbee, Pat Lamie, Ryan Gaffke, Amy Doherty, Annie Becks, Carrie Hellebuyck and Neil Jozsa. Not pictured is Heather Ross, Natalie Kent and Clark Wilcox.

Out of the 125 nominated state soloists, the morning tryout will narrow it down to approximately 25 students.

Those 25 must then perform in front of the faculty as well as anyone else who decides to listen in on the auditions.

Only five nominated state soloists will be chosen for the May 9 performance.

Anti-crime group to meet April 5 in Lovells with State rep, police officer

There has been an organizational meeting, the first regular meeting, and now a group of area residents will be gathering for a second regular meeting to look for ways to protect their property.

The Lovells Anti-Crime Association (LACA) will be holding its next meeting on Saturday, April 5 at 1 p.m. The meeting which is open to any interested or concerned residents will take place at the Lovells Township Hall, located on Twin Bridge Road (F-97 North).

In addition to county and township officials who have attended past meetings, the April LACA meeting will be attended by State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) and Lt. Jim Mueller from the State Police post in Houghton Lake.

The anti-crime group was originally formed on Feb. 1 after a spree of breaking and enterings occurred in Lovells Township. The next meeting was held on March 1 which included discussions on numerous topics among officials and residents.

Some of the issues discussed at that meeting which will be mentioned again at the April 5 meeting include a neighborhood watch program, possible new-hire sheriff's officer for the area.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Kevin Barnett and Rosie Reynolds of Grayling, announce the arrival of Joseph Elias, born March 4, 1997.

Jamie L. Rehahn of Houghton Lake, announces the arrival of Kyle Michael, born March 18, 1997.

Ryan Stephens and Rebecca Peters of Mio, announce the arrival of Ryan Patrick Stephens, Jr., born March 15, 1997.

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BITS OF TALK

by Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Mrs. Marjorie Bodi was the guest speaker at the Monday, March 24, noon luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling. She spoke of her trip to Russia in December at which time she and her husband, Keith, had visited their daughter, Teresa, who is a volunteer English teacher there. Bodi spoke of the kindness of the people in their homes in contrast to the view that people have of them. She told of wanting to look at everything, but had to follow her daughter's suggestions for safety of just going on their way. She had a display of many items that were made by the people; they use their artistic talents to make many

things to sell in order to survive.

We need some help from our readers. Bill Borchers needs information on World War II soldiers that died in action or as a result of it. It is needed for a memorial that is in progress. So please give him a call at the courthouse, 348-2841, if you have information on these people, such as their death dates, their companies, and anything pertaining to their service: Charles C. Anthony, Harold C. Floeter, Milton R. Gokee, Adam "Ted" Horning, Thomas E. Ingalls, Louis J. Irelan, Orville W. Murphy, Paul Ostrander, Jr., George W. Rolfe, Ivan Luther Rice.

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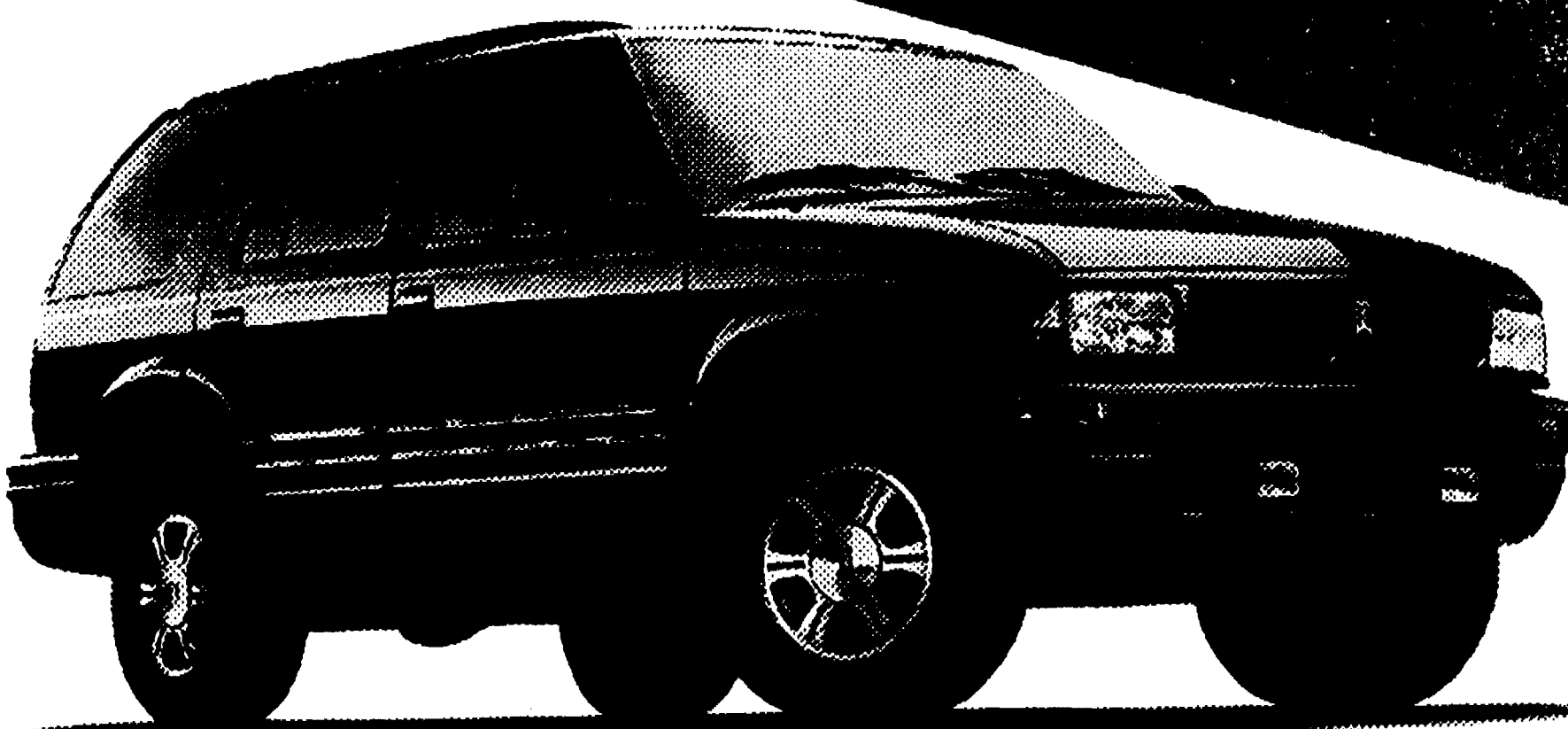
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

Bits of wit and wisdom from all over

PERMIT, IF you will, consideration of various bits of wisdom and nonsense from here, there and elsewhere, which have struck a responsive chord in this writer's mind

U.S. REP. NICK Smith of Lenawee County is an ardent backer of term limits. Said he recently: "I'm a strong advocate of term limits and introduced the first limit resolution in Michigan. I'm reluctant to have term-limit advocates leave Congress and leave the debate to the rest of the members who don't want term limits."

Mr. Smith's been making laws for quite a while already, first elected to the Michigan House in 1978, then to the State Senate, then to Congress. After 20-plus years, in office, it looks like he'll reluctantly stick around for a few more ...

— Of course, Congress isn't very

likely to do anything serious about limiting terms of its own members. Why? Well, for the same reason cited by national columnist Carl Rowan recently, musing about the likelihood of cleaning up the political money mess: "Campaign finance reform seems doomed to cause of the oldest rule of American politics: Never vote for anything that takes away your advantage."

— Wisdom and wit does not emanate exclusively from the political arena. Consider, for example, the analysis of his profession by Gene Keady, basketball coach at Purdue University and one of the more successful mentors in the country, in explaining a loss to Michigan State: "We were playing hard, but we made some bad decisions ... and you've got to be smart. It's a simple game to play, but a tough one to master." Sort of like politics.

— Move now to the wonderful world

of auto racing. Emerson Fittipaldi, veteran driver and a good one, seriously injured in a crash, was philosophical. "God gave me a sign. He gave me a sign, but He didn't forbid me."

— Kansas City Star columnist Bill Tammeus recently noticed President Clinton's call for universal education: "We should make college available to all young Americans, the President says. But can we afford to add that many parking plaques?"

— Another columnist, Charley Reese of the Orlando Sentinel, turned serious on the state of the nation recently:

"It does kind of puzzle me why folks think that they can be well governed by liars, cheats, thieves and profligates. It may sound revolutionary in these dumber-down days, but there is a connection between the quality of the government and the quality of the

governors."

— Which leads to some personal musing.

Not long ago, a radio talk show was pondering the question of morals and ethics in government.

Would you rather have an effective leader who can get things done, even if morals, ethics and character are in short supply?

Or would you rather have someone in office who may not be as effective, but has outstanding character and unquestioned morals and ethics?

The debate carried on, with both sides represented.

But none asked what to me is a simple but basic question: Why can't we have both?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



Col. Gary J. McConnell

POINT OF VIEW

by Col. Gary J. McConnell, Commander, Camp Grayling

Camp Grayling winter activities posted

As I write this, the sun is shining, I have seen a few robins and it looks like spring will eventually arrive. Camp Grayling is preparing for another busy summer season. Our existence is not as noticeable during the months of November through March, but Camp Grayling is a year-around activity that has a significant impact on the local community even in the winter months when we have very few soldiers training here.

This past winter 162 local citizens were employed full-time by Camp Grayling activities. The annual training site, which is responsible for managing ranges, training areas and facilities for the units that travel to the camp for training, employed 45 people. These employees are either Federal Civil Service, Active Guard and Reserve or State employees. Maintenance, repair, policy update and scheduling are just a few of the on-going operations performed during the winter months. This time is spent preparing for the next training season and caring for

customers who perform limited winter training.

The Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES), on North Down River Road, employed 77 people and performs all maintenance and repair on 500 tracked vehicles and over 1,000 pieces of wheeled vehicles and other support equipment. All of this equipment requires annual maintenance services and unscheduled maintenance to repair breakdowns. Because this equipment is used during the training season, all annual maintenance services are scheduled during the cold weather season.

The Camp Grayling Armory employed 18 people who are responsible for the day-to-day administration, training and logistics of the six National Guard companies and detachments that are stationed here. Those employees provide the continuity throughout the year for the 600 part-time soldiers assigned to these organizations. The camp security is provided by a private security company which employs 14

individuals, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service maintains eight full-time employees at the Post Exchange.

Many of these employees contribute to the community through service clubs, local government and work on a wide variety of local committees, organizations and school functions.

The winter months also provide a time for private contractors to perform work on the camp without interfering with training activities. This winter, in addition to the much publicized Multi Purpose Range Complex, contractors have performed over \$500,000 worth of exterior and interior building repairs and construction. Two contracts, worth over \$320,000, were awarded at the Ammunition Supply Point for an additional ammunition bunker and construction on the issue and turn in area. This spring, when the snow permits, construction will begin on a permanent field shower facility worth over \$100,000. Many of these projects were awarded to local contractors.

The Logistical Support Facility is also busy during the winter. The subsistence warehouse (Army Grocery Store) provides food for units throughout the state as they train at home station. Over \$133,000 worth of food was issued to National Guard units since last October. The fuel section has received and issued over \$88,000 worth of fuel during this period.

The training tempo at Camp Grayling drops off significantly during the winter months and the camp is not as visible to the general public. However, the community involvement and support to the local economy continue throughout the entire year. If any readers are connected to the Internet, please look up our home page at: <http://www.net/goguard/grayhom2.htm>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Road conditions are big concern for legislature

To the editor,

Of the many issues we face in the legislature, it seems that every year there is one that stands out above the others as needing greater emphasis. This year, the condition of Michigan's roads is the issue, and the Senate Republicans are offering a solution.

While Democrats loudly and insistently voice their calls for an increase in the gas tax, Senate Republicans believe that a gas tax increase should be considered last. Why? Because we understand how a gas tax increase would hurt working families and every driver who pays more at the gas pump. Large increases in funding for roads are necessary, but adding another five or 10 cents to every gallon of gas is not the solution if there is another way to solve the problem.

Senate Republicans have developed a transportation plan which emphasizes increased efficiency and accountability, as well as providing more money from non-restricted state funds. The transportation budget which we recently passed in the Senate provides an immediate appropriation of \$139 million to be used specifically for road repair. This is the equivalent of a 2.8-

cent increase in the gas tax, but with one important distinction: we fill potholes without emptying wallets.

Seeking long-term solutions, our plan consists of more than simply providing money to fix potholes. It includes optimizing efficiency and cutting waste. We are setting caps on administrative expenses and requiring that departments responsible for the maintenance of our roads be subject to external financial audits. Combined with conservative estimates of increases the state should realize from existing taxes, fees, and revenues from the federal government, these measures add up to new annual transportation revenues of approximately \$194 million. This is equivalent to a nearly 4-cent increase in the gas tax.

Although advocates of a gas tax increase have not yet acknowledged it, Senate Republicans are offering innovative solutions, real reforms and hard dollars to alleviate the problems of Michigan's roads without resorting to increased taxes. That is something everyone in Michigan can say "yes" to.

Dick Posthumus,
Majority Leader
Michigan State Senate

Sportsplex suggestions offered

To the editor,

I would like to recommend that the planners of the "Sportsplex" consider two ice-skating rinks with one of these rinks 100 feet by 200 feet (or) 30 meters x 60 meters (the size required to host an "international" hockey tournament, speed skating competition or figure skating competition).

The rinks should be surrounded by

a walking or jogging track, which for game or competition situations, could be replaced by portable seating. I would be happy to serve as a volunteer advisor on this element of the proposed "Sportsplex".

Stephen B. Cohen,
Member of Board of Directors
of USA Speedskating and
part-time Grayling resident

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Did you know that the glassed-in gardens we call terrariums were once called "Wardian cases", after Dr. Nathaniel Ward and English surgeon and amateur horticulturalist? Dr. Ward found the pollution being generated by industry was killing the bog ferns in his garden, and quite by accident he discovered bog ferns thriving in the protected environment of a sealed glass jar in which he was observing a chrysalis of a caterpillar. His experiments with the ferns and other plants in similar containers led him to the conclusion that if plants have light, still air and the proper amount of moisture, they could live for years with little care.

Dr. Ward's success made it possible for an exchange of plants hitherto impossible because they could not survive long sea voyages. Rubber trees from Brazil to Ceylon and tea plants from China to India are just two examples. The terrarium demonstrates the use and reuse of the elements it needs through the process of photosynthesis and respiration.

The following are some pointers on how to set up your own "Wardian Case". Use a clear glass container with an opening large enough to accommodate your hand (clear glass will let water droplets fall back into the soil). A variety of plants can be used, but they need to be compatible enough to grow in the same light, temperature, soil and humidity conditions. In other words, don't plant cacti with a sundew from the bog. The flower shop-

greenhouse or even your back yard may be a source for small plants that will do well in a terrarium.

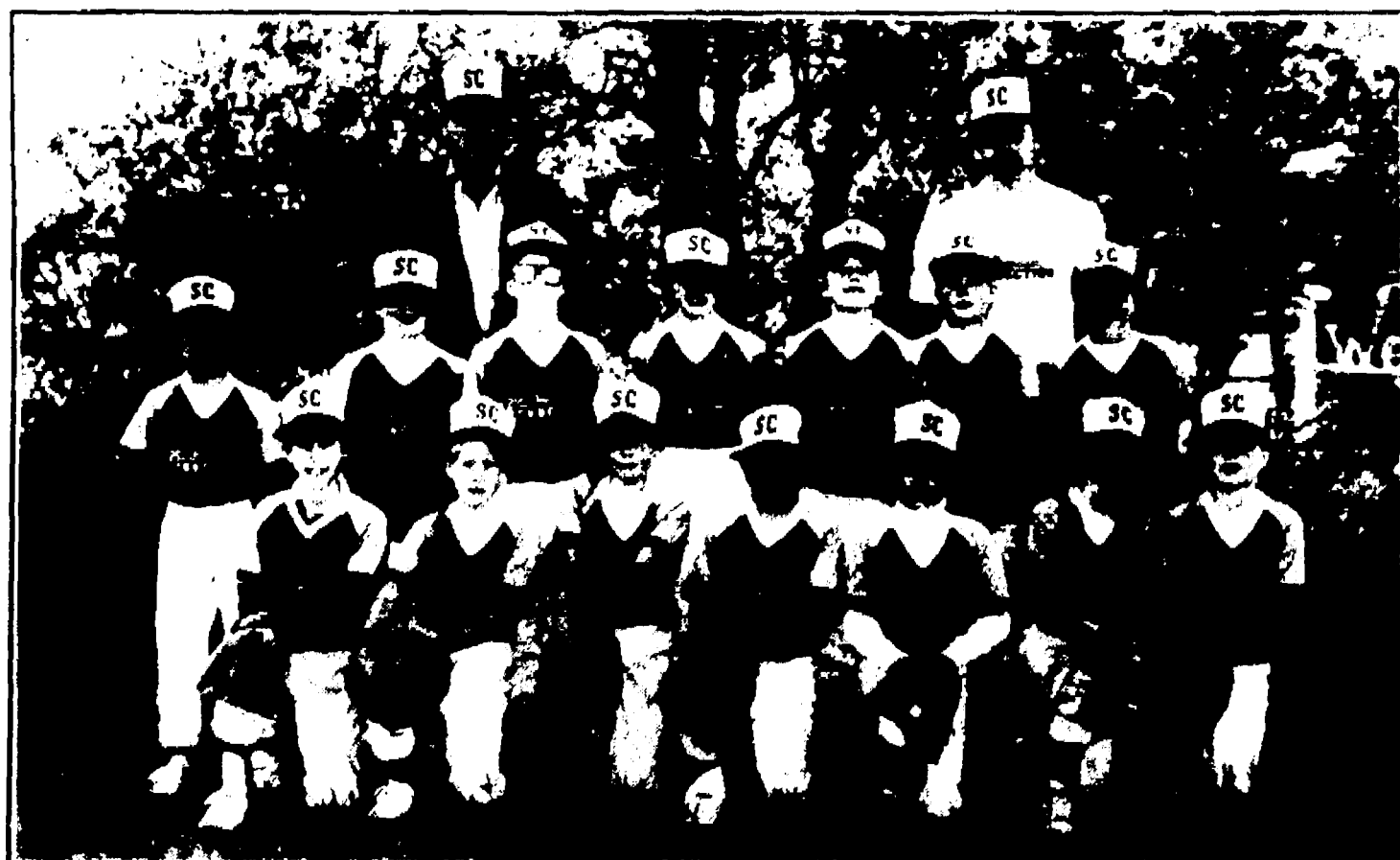
Wash the container thoroughly and let it dry completely overnight. Add two inches of small pebbles for drainage, cover the pebbles with a thin layer of hardwood charcoal bits to absorb chemical salts. Cover the charcoal with a layer of crumbled sphagnum moss to keep the soil from washing into the pebbles (some people recommend a layer of nylon net for the same purpose). There are pre-prepared soil mixtures available, but you can make your own with a third pasteurized garden loam, a third builder's sand and a third crumbled sphagnum moss. Add enough water to make it moist.

Most terrariums do best in filtered light, not direct sun. A standard amount of light is 20 watts for every square foot of growing space. Some ventilation is needed to keep the glass from fogging, so a small pebble or something between the lid and container will accomplish this. Mold is the common terrarium plant disease encouraged by too much water, not enough light, or by poor ventilation. If you have a problem with mold, remove all infected plants and treat the terrarium with a fungicide.

A "Wardian Case" is a way to bring a little piece of summer into the house to enjoy throughout the year and a neat way to better understand the processes of photosynthesis and respiration. Have fun.

Historically Speaking

1988 SPORTS CONNECTION -- Front row, L-R, Sean Casey, Tony Hentkowski, Ed Elsner, Ravi Ramaswamy, Danny Bonamie, Charissa Broeker, Ronnie Peterson. Back row, L-R, Travis Parkinson, Clifford Hadley, J.R. Fisher, Stacey Mead, Bobby Deman, Dannie Ray, Matt McKee. Coaches: Rich Hentkowski, Dan Bonamie.



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Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Alma announces degree candidates

Alma College recently announced that Jason Medlar, Grayling, is a degree candidate eligible for the April 19 commencement ceremony. Medlar earned a bachelor of science degree in biology. The Alma College commencement exercises will begin at 2 p.m. in the Cappaert Gymnasium.

Callewaert named to dean's list

Kaethe E. Callewaert, a senior at Northwood University, was recently named to the winter semester dean's list after achieving at least a 3.0 grade point average. She is the daughter of Joseph and Jean Callewaert of Grayling.

CPR, first aid course to be offered

An American Red Cross CPR and First Aid course will be offered Wednesday, April 9 and April 16 from 6-10 p.m. in the Riverside Room at Grayling Mercy Hospital. The class is sponsored by Northflight EMS and Grayling Mercy hospital. Participants will learn basic first aid skills, CPR and choking for both adults and infants. A written and practical test are required. Course materials are available in advance at Northflight EMS, 2307 Dupont St. Grayling. Registration is required; call 1-800-33-MERCY.

Frederic to hold school carnival

On Friday, May 2, the Frederic Elementary Parent Organization will be holding their Fifth Annual Old-Fashioned School Carnival. The carnival will be held from 5-8 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School. There will be food, games, door prizes and a cake walk. proceeds from the carnival will go toward Frederic Elementary School improvement projects.

Lowe to be at public hearing

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) and other officials will report on and seek input on the decline of the wildland firefighting force during an April 3 public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Rotary Club awards scholarships

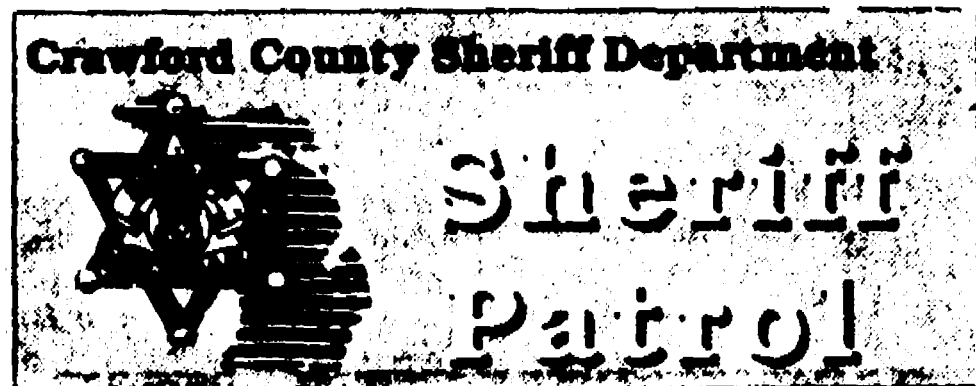
The Rotary Club of Grayling awards scholarships annually to area students attending college. Two recipients have received prestigious awards to continue their education. Tim Febey was awarded a scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. Jordan Stencil was named a Fulbright Fellow to pursue graduate studies at the University of Vienna in Austria.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — DeAnne Allette Wood and Mark Raymond Swiercz, both of Grayling, will wed on April 26, 1997. The bride-elect, formerly of Greenville, is the daughter of Virginia Clark of Higgins Lake, and Bob Wood of Greenville. Her fiancé, formerly of Bay City, is the son of Ray and Gerry Swiercz of Grayling. The couple are both graduates of Grayling High School.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stephenson announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela Heidi to John Michael Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bagley of Grand Ledge. Heidi is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a double major in Child Development and Education. She was selected as one of the top five perspective Life Management teachers in the State of Michigan and is currently teaching at Novi High School. John is also a graduate of Western Michigan University and is currently assistant manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Lansing. A July 12th wedding is planned.



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 100 incidents from Feb. 3 through Feb. 10:
Unknown (1), Criminal Sex (1), Assault (2), Burglary (3), Larceny (1), Fraud (1), Property Damage (3), Public Peace (7), Health and Safety (17), Invasion of Privacy (1), Conservation (5), Minors (2), Accidents (23), Non-traffic Accident (4), Traffic Accident (2), False Alarm (1), Fire (1), Civil/ET (3), Suspicious Situation (8) and General Non-Criminal (14).

Early retirement program makes state forest fire situation worse

by Kamela Tresh, Capital News Service

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) doesn't have enough fire officers to control major forest fires, and an early-retirement program for state employees will only make the situation worse.

Duane Brooks, DNR top fire officer in Grayling, is eligible for early retirement.

"He's the premier fireman in Michigan, the best," Mike Paluda, the DNR forest fire supervisor in Lansing, said about Brooks. Brooks has 37 years experience as a DNR fire officer, and 28 years with the volunteer fire department in Grayling.

Brooks said he may stay on to help with the 1997 fire season, until the first of the year, if he can get an extension of the early retirement deadline. If he can't get an exemption, he will retire June 1, he said.

"They're losing key people," said Ed Holtcamp, fire chief of the Beaver Creek Fire Department and president of the Northern Michigan Fire Chief's Association. "Knowledge and expertise are hard to replace."

There will be a big gap immediately because experienced fire officers are leaving all at once, Brooks said.

There are only four DNR firefighters in Grayling, before Brooks retires. Six is the minimum that office needs to handle fires because of Crawford County's high risk of blazes, according to Paluda.

Northern Michigan has many jack pines, which burn quickly and violently. Sap in pine trees is flammable like kerosene, and the needles are dry this time of year, Paluda noted. That's a potential hazard, considering spring is the fire season, before the trees and grass turn green.

"It makes me very nervous," said Scott Heather, a DNR resource

protection manager for northern Lower Michigan. "Maybe we'll be lucky and have a wet spring." But if there is a fire, the department won't be able to respond quickly enough to contain it, Heather said.

"This is a dangerous situation," said Holtcamp. He predicts the lack of fire officers could lead to more major fires. "When you get in this situation, it limits early response," he said. A small one- to three-acre fire could turn into a dangerous situation.

"I'm worried about someone getting hurt or killed," Brooks said. That could happen when there are too few people for the initial fire attack. "There are not enough people," he said. "As low as we are, backup from other stations is not going to be there."

Local fire departments are known for picking up slack for the DNR, Holtcamp said. But with today's costs, local departments can't afford the equipment or the personnel and their equipment is designed to control building fires, not moving wildfires, Holtcamp said.

But Crawford County's DNR isn't the only one lacking staff. Across the state it's the same story. DNR wildfire funding has not kept up with inflation, according to the Michigan Wildlife Task Force set up by Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling).

Paluda led the task force made up of groups interested in the problem. It's report found that once the budget was adjusted for inflation, the fire program's funding had decreased 21 percent since 1978. Thirteen fire stations across the state have been closed because of lack of funding since 1980. That increases firefighters' response time to a fire.

"Several fires in northern Lower Michigan have gotten larger and

threatened homes," Heather said.

Stations that closed are: Porcupine Mountain, Calumet, Felch, Beaver Island, Bois Blanc Island, Cheboygan, Boyne City, Sanford, St. Charles, Port Huron, Jackson, Flat River and Hoffmaster. Currently, there are only 98 DNR fire officers statewide. The report suggests there be at least 142 to be effective in protecting Michigan from forest fires, including suppressing multiple fires. Volunteers help, but can't always be called away from their jobs at a moment's notice.

"I'm worried about someone getting hurt or killed."

— Duane Brooks, Grayling DNR fire officer

The task force also concluded the DNR needs more fire support mechanics and fire detection pilots. The department now has three vacant positions for a fire specialist to train and do research, Heather said.

The task force recommended \$1.6 million a year to replace equipment. In 1995, Gov. John Engler approved a one-time \$5 million appropriation for new equipment. This money replaced most of the DNR's 25-year-old equipment.

In addition, a emergency wildlife fund should be created, the task force report stated.

This task force report has been sent to legislators, DNR and Engler.

Lowe will host an April 3 public meeting in the Grayling High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. to get more input on the public's thoughts about the situation. The DNR will also make a presentation.

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THURS. 3	•PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. For more information call Joell Gabriel, 348-6389. •AuSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOC. meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay @ 348-1398 for more information. •AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE Community Bereavement Support Group meeting @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm.
FRI. 4	•TAKE A SPRING STROLL through Hartwick Pines State Park.
SAT. 5	•SILENT SPORTS RENDEZVOUS '97 @ Grayling High School, featuring canoes, kayaks and paddlesport adventures. Show from 9 am to 5:30 pm; adventure films, 6-9 pm. Sponsored by Cartwright & Danewell. •NALMA SHAMBORGUER performs @ Kirtland Community College, 8 pm.
SUN. 6	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.
MON. 7	•KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES. 8	•SCHOOL RESUMES •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm.
WED. 9	•WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Religious Suicide

The national news is reporting a mass suicide of 39 most young, white men at a mansion rented by a religious cult in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Members of the cult known as "Heaven's Gate", evidently died from drugs and/or suffocation. They were deceived by Marshall Applewhite, their "Space Age Shepherd" into believing a UFO was hiding behind Hale-Bopp Comet which would take them to a higher spiritual plane. Only a week or so ago five members of a doomsday cult died in a flaming house outside Saint Casimir, Quebec. That cult called, "Order of the Solar Temple" has been responsible for the deaths of 74 people in collective suicide pacts since 1994. Jim Jones led 900 people to their death.

What makes people blindly follow cult leaders into death and Hell? Certainly it is not ignorance, for many of them were well educated. It was not poverty, living in a mansion on an

estate ringed with palm trees and a swimming pool and tennis court in back. It was not a lack of modern technical skills since the mansion reportedly housed many computers and the cult advertised by web page on the World Wide Web.

We are beginning to reap the growing evil of relativism replacing Bible absolutes across our nation. The emptiness and uncertainty of values and life promotes a narcissistic view of the defenseless, diseased, depressed, and deceived. Whether one justifies it as women's choice, death with dignity, or euthanasia, their best answer is death to solve life's problems. The "Heaven's Gate" cult trusted suicide as a transition into a higher spiritual plane. All such lies and murder promoting death as the best answer for either life or eternity come from Satan. (John 8:44) "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the

beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." God's answer is always eternal life in Christ, not suicide.

(John 17:3) "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (1 John 5:12-13) "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. [13] These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Professor to highlight Grayling, MSU man

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Michigan State University American Studies Program, the 1997 Russel Nye Lecture will feature an MSU professor highlighting an MSU graduate.

James McClintock, professor of English and former director of American Studies at MSU, will present "Jim Harrison: Soul-Maker," at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the MSU Museum Auditorium. A reception will be held following the lecture. There is no charge for admission.

Harrison, born in Grayling, received his bachelor's degree from MSU in 1960 and his master's degree in 1964. He is the author of several screenplays, short stories, articles and poems. His highly-praised novel, "Dalva," was

published in 1988. Harrison is also author of the novella "Legends of the Fall," which became a major motion picture.

Harrison was one of three MSU alumni cited as one of the 25 most noted authors in American literature by the French magazine, "L'Express."

McClintock has taught in the Lyman Briggs School and the Department of American Thought and Language. He was Senior Fulbright Professor of American Literature at the University of Warsaw, Poland, and Visiting Professor of English and American Studies at Northwestern University, Xi'an, People's Republic of China. His books include "White Logic: Jack London's Short Stories," and "Nature's Kindred Spirits."

His lecture is part of the Russel Nye Lecture Series in American Studies and is sponsored by the Department of American Studies in the college of Arts and Letters.

Nye, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1945, was a distinguished professor of English emeritus at MSU. He chaired the English department from 1946 to 1959. Nye made many

contributions to teaching, students, and to the profession at MSU. He died in 1993.

For details about the lecture and reception, contact Erika Quiggins or Peter Levine, American Studies, at (517) 353-9821.

State Rep. Lowe to hold office hours

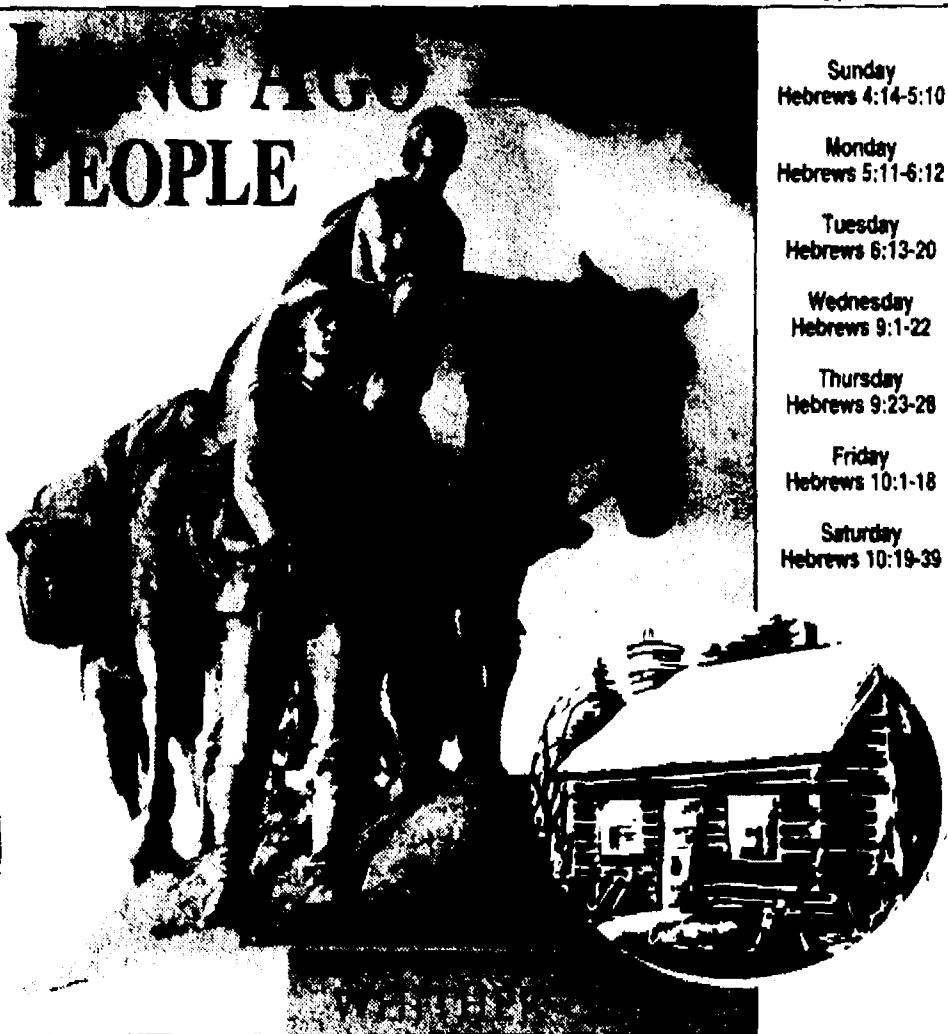
State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) will meet with Crawford County residents on Monday, April 7.

The 105th District lawmaker is available for public office hours in the basement meeting room of the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"No appointment is necessary and everyone should feel free to stop by," Lowe said. "I am eager to listen to the concerns of local residents."

Anyone needing additional information can contact Lowe at (517) 373-0829.

Church Directory



It happened while I was hiking in the mountains...suddenly I came into a clearing and saw the crumbling foundations of what had once meant shelter and protection for a pioneer family. Rugged mountains surrounded the decayed dwelling on three sides. But in front, opened a panorama across a valley which in all its beauty held me spellbound.

I turned and noticed a small, old-fashioned rose bush which seemed to reminisce with yesteryear beside the old house. I could feel the presence of those long-ago people. How they must have loved this place. The woman had tended flowers and vegetables here, had borne her babies and had helped her man carve a life from the wilderness.

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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
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Phone 348-4445
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Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

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600 North Elm St., Gaylord
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
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Pastor Patty Petrie, 348-8314
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M-72 West
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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275-8613
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise Keepers Study 7 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
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Crawford County, northern Michigan unemployment rate at about 10 percent

The northern Lower Peninsula region and Crawford County had similar unemployment rates for the month of February. The northern Lower Peninsula actually showed a slight decrease, while Crawford County increased by a small margin.

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in February was 10.3 percent, which was 0.4 of a percentage point lower than the rate posted in January for the area and 0.6 of a percentage point lower than the 10.9 percent rate for February 1996.

Crawford County had a civilian labor force of 5,350 for February. The county had a total unemployment of 550

persons, making the unemployment rate 10.5 percent. This is a minor increase from the 10.4 rate posted in January, and a larger increase when compared to February 1996 which had a 9.1 rate.

Over the month, the region saw wage and salary employment decline by only 75 jobs. The greatest job reductions took place in retail trade, followed by construction and private services.

Also, declines occurred in both the durable and nondurable manufacturing sectors. These losses were almost entirely offset by employment gains in local government, as student employees returned at colleges for the

start of the new semester.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 4,600 jobs or 2.7 percentage points. Over the year job growth in retail trade was the greatest with 1,950 new positions posted, which was a gain of 5.1 percent.

Private services had the second highest increase in additional jobs with employment non-durable goods sectors (primarily durable goods) offset declines, giving employment in manufacturing a slight net gain over the year of 225 jobs or 0.7 of a percentage point.

Government jobs increased by 175 or 0.5 of a percentage point. Construction continued to improve with 525 new jobs or 6.6 percent.

February's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with the Michigan rate of 5.1 percent and the national rate of 5.7 percent. The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula

during February was recorded in Cheboygan County at 22.3 percent, while the lowest rate was in Otsego County at 5.5 percent.

City makes amendments to income tax ordinance

The filing deadline for income taxes is fast approaching this year, and the filing status for some city residents could change next year.

The Grayling City Council passed two amendments to the city income tax ordinance which could affect some children and possibly some senior citizens. The action took place at the March 24 city council meeting.

The amendments to the city's tax ordinance involve raising the personal exemption figure and changing the estimated tax payments.

The council members approved the motion which raises the personal exemption amount from \$600 to \$1,500. This will allow those people who make under \$1,500 to not have to file paperwork for city tax.

For example, this eliminates a young kid who made \$800 or so during the year from having to file for city tax, Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford said. It takes away the process of filing a bunch of paperwork for a small payment to the city.

The city also raised the bracket for estimated tax payments which have to be filed from \$40 to \$100. This change only affects those city residents who have to file an estimated tax.

The state made this income tax

change a while back. City Treasurer Verna Meharg said. Some cities adopted this policy at that time, so Grayling now is making the same amendment to its income tax ordinance.

Morford said this is another amendment to the income tax ordinance which eliminates some paperwork which would only result in a small amount of tax money.

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Teen center to hold open house on April 19

The Christian Youth Activity Center, located in the former Fred Bear Museum at Hanson Hills, will be holding an open house on April 19.

The grand opening is open to everyone in the community and is free of charge.

Evening entertainment will be provided by a D.J. There will be free light refreshments and free video games.

The open house will be held from noon to 10 p.m.

The teen center is opened March 1. Its hours are as follows: Friday, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, noon-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5:30 p.m.

Lansing band coming to Grayling April 11

On Friday evening, April 11, the Lansing Concert Band will return to the Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School for an 8 p.m. performance as part of the 1996-97 Cultural events series. Under the direction of Richard Suddendorf, Professor Emeritus of Western Michigan University (WMU), the Lansing group will present "An Old Fashioned Bandstand."

The Lansing Concert Band is proud to be the Official Band of the City of Lansing. That designation was made in 1967 by the mayor and city council of Lansing. The band also enjoys an ongoing association with Lansing Community College, a partnership which originated in the 1960s. Today, LCC is the primary sponsor of the Lansing Concert Band. In turn, the band represents LCC's music department and students can earn college credit. In addition, as local representative of the American Legion Okemos Post 269 band, the Lansing Concert Band competes in the annual State Legion band competition. The LCB has been the state champion for the past several years.

On July 4, 1994, the John Philip Sousa Foundation presented the Lansing Concert Band with the Sudler Silver Scroll, North America's most prestigious award for community concert bands. This international award recognizes community concert bands of outstanding musical excellence. The Lansing Concert Band joins just eight other organizations, nationwide, to have received this much sought-after honor.

The repertoire for this concert will feature the works of Karl King, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Harold Arlen, and John Williams. Prior to performance at 8 p.m., the band will play for the elementary students in a concert entitled, "A Young Students Introduction to the Band" at 1 p.m.

Tickets at \$4.50 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens may be purchased through the Community Education Box Office at Grayling High School, or by calling 348-7641 ext. 123. The cultural events series is produced with the support of area businesses and corporations.

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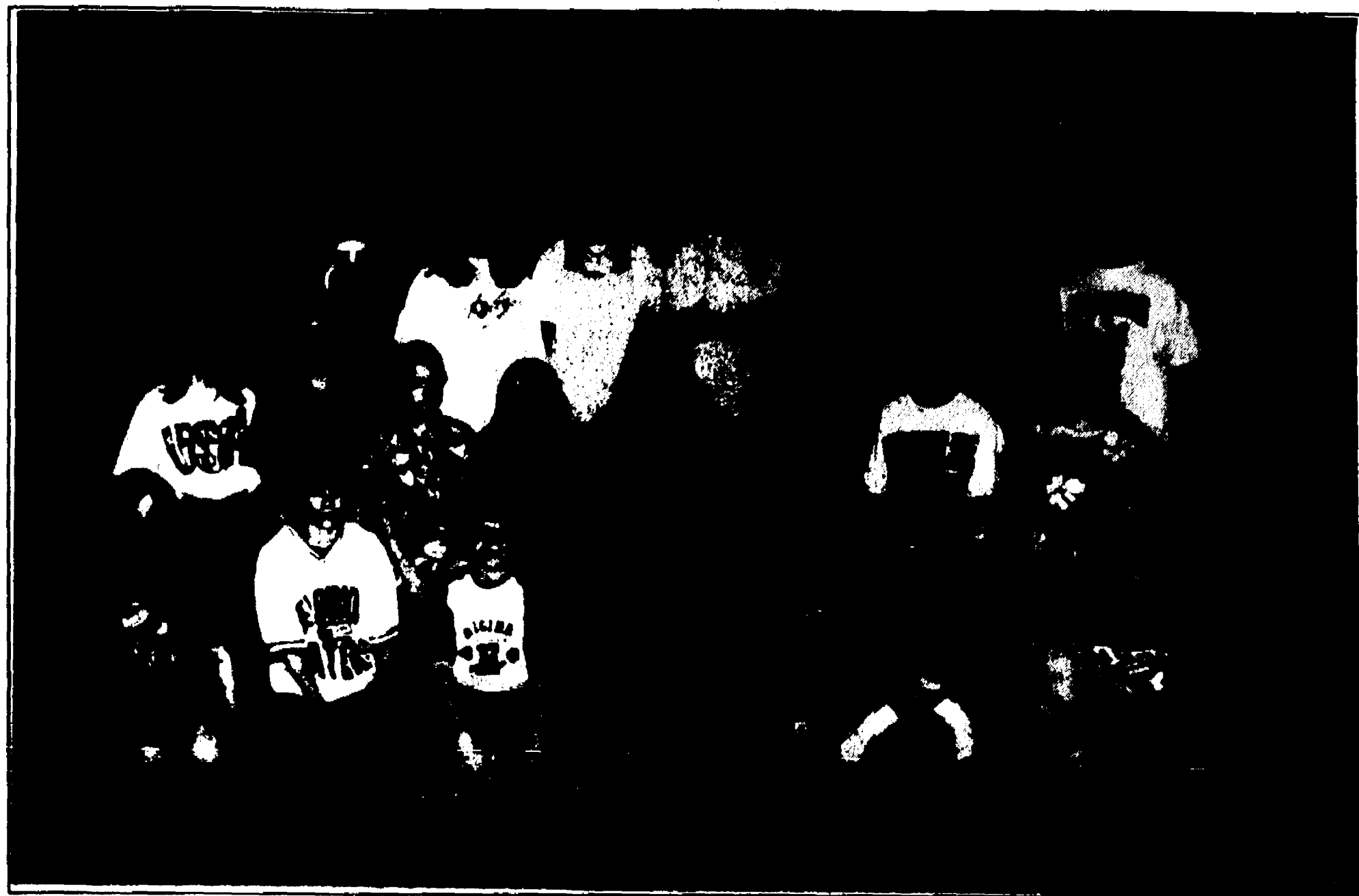
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH -- The Grayling Middle School Students of the Month are (front, from left) Bryan Dawson, Allen Wakeley, Chris Cerelli, James Lawrence, Sean Doyle, Patti Martella and Zach Ostrander. The middle row (l-r) is Rachel Millar, Leah Paislay, Lisa Hubenschmidt, Darcy Lovely, Tasheena Joseph, Brandon Gorr, Larry Baynham, Michelle Gildner and Travis Lohrer. The back row (l-r) is Nathan Ross, Lance Holzman, Tabitha Harney, Arica Wolcott, Ryan Mahaffy, Chris Peters, Marcus Marelich, Ben Sheldon and David Smith. Not pictured is Nick Baynham, Matt Curtis, Dustin Ellis, Bonnie Hogston, Carmen Hulbert, Billy Partello, Joyce Thomas and Dustin Wilcox.

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River committee implements habitat project

The AuSable River Watershed Restoration Committee is preparing to implement a project on the AuSable River below Mio, that would improve the instream fish habitat. A grant was

received from the Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund, to improve the habitat potential along approximately seven miles of river.

A project of this nature has never

been attempted in Michigan. A public meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m., April 8, at the Mio Community Center to discuss any suggestions or concerns for the project. The meeting will follow

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Rumor has it that they are catching some good sized crappie in Houghton Lake, mostly at the south end near Prudenville, so you might give this a try before the ice gets bad.

M-72 • 1/4 Mile West of Grayling, MI

Camp officials go over current issues, new range

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Budget cuts, a new state-of-the-art target range and concerns of area fire protection which just some of the topics discussed at the Camp Grayling Community Council meeting on March 26.

The local National Guard training facility conducted the meeting to give Camp Grayling staff the opportunity to explain recent and upcoming activities and answer questions from area residents and officials.

Maj. Tibor Lanczy, chief facility management officer for the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, talked to the audience about the update on the time frame for opening the Multi Purpose Range Complex, and the way the range will operate.

The new range complex will be used by incoming troops to train soldiers through the use of moving targets and other armor target areas. The new

complex was built within budget which came to a total cost of \$8.4 million.

The MPRC is located at the former tank range, north of North Down River Road, east of Grayling.

The range's highlight is armor moving targets. Lanczy explained that the targets will be travel along a railroad track behind a six-foot berm. The target will be attached to a rail car which will simulate a moving target for armored units.

The exact date for opening of the range to live fire has not been determined due to a problem with the supply of the targets for the range. Lanczy said officials hope to have the targets in place by May and everything ready for June training of the Michigan National Guard troops.

The range opening may be pushed back until July or August because of the process of getting the targets, said Lanczy.

Some Grayling residents attended the meeting with some concerns about the noise coming from the new range.

This will be a change for some people, said Col. Gary J. McConnell, Camp Grayling commander. There has not been firing at that location for three years. There will be some noise from the range, but it will be reduced when compared to the firing at that location three years ago.

One of the reasons the noise will be reduced for residents is the new range has been pushed back further away from North Down River Road, McConnell said.

Another concern from residents was the cease-fire stop at night time. McConnell said the new range will follow the same three-hour night firing requirement.

The requirement is that live fire can

occur only up to three hours after sunset.

McConnell said he has already had one request from an Ohio guard unit to waive the three-hour requirement, but he turned them down.

The Camp Grayling commander also spoke on two other important topics at the beginning of the meeting: budget cuts and fire protection.

McConnell said the camp's budget has been cut by more than 40 percent over the last three years. He said this has forced the numbers of some state personnel and staff to be cut from the

Camp.

One thing that has remained the same is the environmental budget.

Because of the budget cuts, McConnell said one of his biggest concerns is fire protection. He pointed out that he is not sure the amount of firefighters the camp will have, but it will be a significant decrease.

The commander said Camp Grayling officials will work closely with the local fire units and the Department of Natural Resources on this issue.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: *The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.*

We hope that all of you had a very pleasant holiday. Spring is finally coming in dribs and drabs and it sure is drab with all the dirty snow around, but hopefully, it won't take long to all go away.

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The family of Linda West wishes to express their appreciation for the cards, food, flowers and kind words extended to us during our sad loss.

Special thanks to Father Nally and parishioners, Dr. McNamara, Sorenson Funeral Home, ambulance crew and sheriff department, Mercy staff and Knights of Columbus for their care.



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M-72 to get passing lane

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The M-72 project location in Crawford County is a state roadway which has a fairly high volume of traffic, Label said. This road also feeds the Traverse City area which causes additional traffic.

Another reason this project has been scheduled is the fact that there are a lot of hills and curves along this roadway. Label said this leads to a lot of areas where cars can't pass RVs and large trucks, and these vehicles also can cause traffic to back up when their speeds become slow going up a hill.

The statewide transportation improvement investments for 1997 include \$530 million in state construction lettings, \$196 million in public transportation improvements,

and \$65 million for commercial and general aviation improvements.

Northern Michigan counties will see over 180 different transportation investments from roadways to buses and bikeways to runways. The road projects include passing lanes on M-72, M-32, US-23 and US-31 as well as resurfacing on M-55. These projects and many others slated for construction in 1997 and 1998 will help build a better Michigan.

"Transportation is our lifeblood — it connects communities, families and businesses, we literally can't leave home without it. This year's announcement will show Michigan tax dollars hard at work," said State Transportation Director Robert Welke.

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

Question: A friend has offered to loan me a used baby car seat for my new baby. Is a used seat ok to use?

Answer: According to the Michigan Child Passenger Safety Network Newsletter, used child safety seats, with the proper precautions, can continue to lead a useful life and protect youngsters from traffic crashes and sudden stops. Before they are used, however, they need to be cautiously examined, using the following checklist, as suggested in the newsletter:

- Look for a label on the seat indicating the model number and date of manufacture. The date of manufacture should be after January 1, 1981. If it is not, do not use the seat.

- Once you've located the model number and date of manufacture, check to see if the seat has been recalled for safety defects. This can be done by calling the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393.

- Check the plastic shell or metal

frame for cracks, warping, bends, breaks or signs of tampering. If you see any of these defects, do not use the seat.

- Ask your friend if she has the instructions that came with the seat. If not, request one from the manufacturer.

- Look to see if the seat has any missing parts such as harness straps, retainer clips, padding, shield, tether straps or bolts. Are the harness straps worn or frayed? Check the instruction booklet to see if these parts can be replaced. If they cannot be replaced, do not use the seat.

- Ask the previous owner if the seat has been involved in a motor vehicle crash. If it has, do not use the seat.

If the car seat fails to pass any of these points, it should not be used by you or anyone else.

Recommend to your friend that she throw the seat away, since it will not adequately protect a child and may even prove dangerous.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brunger

The Brungers speak vows

Kenneth and April Brunger announce their marriage, which took place on March 11, 1997, in Gallinburg, Tenn.

Parents of the couple are Herman and Betty Brunger, and Art and Ellie Lozon, all of Grayling.

The couple honeymooned in the Smokey Mountains and Florida for two weeks and will reside in Roscommon.

Scholarship for woman

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Applications must be received by April 7, by the Kirtland College Financial Aid Office.

OBITUARIES

Donald Thompson

Donald L. "Sonny" Thompson, 58, of Mancelona, died on Sunday, March 30, 1997, at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center.

He was born on July 13, 1938 in Grayling to Richard and Anna Belle (Peathers) Thompson. Both parents are deceased.

Mr. Thompson grew up in Grayling and graduated from Grayling High School. He owned and operated the Jabara's Market from 1960 to 1972 and D & B Discount Store from 1967 to 1972, both in Mancelona. He was a past member of the Mancelona Rotary Club and worked for 17 years at Farmer Peet in Gaylord, from 1977 to 1994. Mr. Thompson enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing cribbage. He also enjoyed traveling to Canada every year with his friends to fish.

Surviving are six children, Cyndie and husband Thomas Forster of Mancelona, Donna and husband Thomas Hudson of Mancelona, Kenneth Thompson of Mancelona, Delores and husband Ronald Derror of Mancelona, Donald and wife Dawn Thompson of Grand Rapids, and Michael and wife Jennifer Thompson of Lansing; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Luella and husband Bob Cole of Mancelona, Patricia and husband James Failing of Grayling, and Kay and husband Ron Earich of Waterford; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 1, from 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral home in Mancelona.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 2, at 11 a.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in Mancelona. Pastor Mark McCool officiated. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Mancelona.

Memorials may be given to donor's choice.

Card of thanks

Thank you for your prayers and everything during our many hospital visits and the loss of our dad and my husband. Now he is watching over us.

There isn't enough room in the paper to thank everyone by name. You are all great. God will reward each and every one of you in a very special way.

The family of Joe Robinson, Ms. Robinson (Peggy) Mr. and Mrs. Norman (Bonnie) Poll Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Mary) Everson

Thomas Mastej

Thomas P. Mastej, 67, of Maple Forest, died at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey on March 30, 1997.

Mr. Mastej was born in Detroit on Oct. 8, 1929, to Walter and Marie (Belau) Mastej. Both parents are deceased.

Mr. Mastej moved to Maple Forest Township 13 years ago from Detroit, following his retirement from Chrysler Corporation where he was employed for 30 years. He married the former Olga J. Wozniak in Detroit on April 30, 1949. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, Olga J. Mastej of Grayling; a daughter, Pamela and husband Rudy Riefstahl of Madison Heights; sons Paul and wife Deborah Mastej of Onaway, David and wife Ruth Mastej of Rockville, Maryland, Patrick and wife Aimee Mastej of Gaylord; a brother, John Mastej of Grayling; a sister, Betty Wozniak of Warren; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiated. There was a Recitation of the Rosary on Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel, in Grayling.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Florence Silk

Florence Marie Silk, 66, of Roscommon, died March 31, 1997 at Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1930 in Port Huron to Edwin Martin and Helen (Beaubien) Martin. Mrs. Silk was married to Frank W. Silk on Sept. 3, 1949 in Port Huron; he preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1987.

Mrs. Silk lived in Keego Harbor until moving to Roscommon in 1986. She was a homemaker, member of Grayling Moose, volunteer at the Roscommon Senior Citizens Center, and volunteer for the Humane Society.

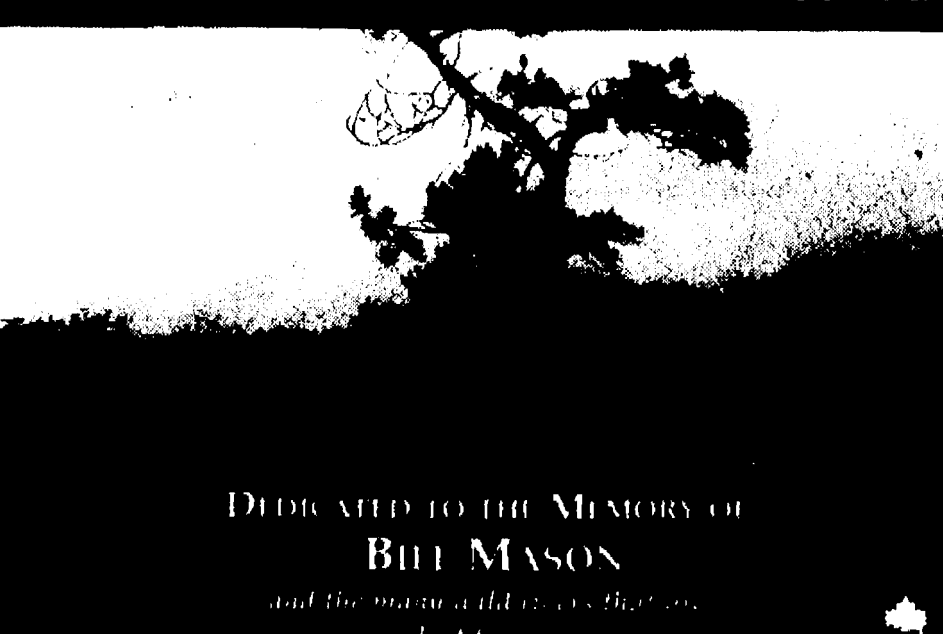
Surviving are Kathleen and husband Gaylord Sims of Grayling, James and wife Maria Silk of Keego Harbor, Daniel and wife Peggy Silk of Roscommon, Larry and wife Joyce Silk of Grant, Donald and wife Jan Silk of Waterford, Charles and wife Connie Silk of Grayling; two sisters, Fay Martin and Rita White both of Port Huron; brother, Al and wife Judy, Martin of Highland Park; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 4, at the Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Roscommon Senior Citizens Center.

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The festival was organized by the Canadian Recreational Canoe Organization, a non-profit group founded in 1971. It's also a film competition, and from Feb. 28 thru March 1 this year, entries from around the world were judged. The best of these will make up the films to be shown at 65 centers across North America, only five in the U.S. and one in Switzerland. Rendezvous is honored to be one of the five, and the only in the Midwest.

Entries encompass an exciting range of locations, content and styles. Amateurs and professionals alike have sent their best effort. Canoeing in British Columbia, kayaking in Honduras, sea kayaking on Lake Winnipeg are examples, and only the best will be in the final three-hour presentation.

We know you will enjoy this selection of films; they're authentic and filled with plenty of live-action footage.

A portion of the proceeds of our Waterwalker Film Festival will go to the Home for Canoeing Campaign for a museum at Merrickville, Ont. and a portion to the Nature Conservancy.

Dedication to Bill Mason

By Mike Searles

A number of years back, I met, walked and talked with Bill Mason. It was a short walk and talk, but I never forgot him, nor our conversation. As the years passed, he and his work kept on, with him and then without him. His contribution to canoeing wilderness travel, preservation and conservation, placed him forever among the greatest men or our time.

I am grateful for those moments. I am also thrilled that James Raffan so ably captured Bill Mason in his biography "Fire in the Bones." It isn't often that I or anyone can be so blessed. In dedicating Rendezvous '97 to Bill's memory, and to have James Raffan as a guest at this event, will enliven my memories for years to come.

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Doctors say pets can be better than medication

Frank Matingley lay in a coma in a hospital, occasionally mumbling the name of his dog, Tipper.

As his life ebbed away, doctors said it would do no harm if his pet said goodbye to his master through a window.

When Tipper saw him at the Southampton hospital, he barked — and Frank, 68, began to come around on his life-support machine. When nurses wheeled him nearer to see his dog, he began to fight his way back to health.

Medical experts are now looking closely at the possibility that pets may be a better tonic than many forms of treatment. Frank made an amazing recovery.

Remarkable experiments are convincing doctors that when it comes to sickness, animals really are man's best friend. Cats, dogs, parakeets, even goldfish, have produced significant improvement in patients' health — in some cases, faster than drug treatments.

Results have been so encouraging that one specialist has even launched a rent-a-dog scheme to put people back on their feet.

London Psychiatrist Dr. Michael McCulloch has about 15 dogs in his "pet pool." They are delivered by assistants before breakfast to patients' homes, and collected in the evening.

"Pets can improve health and well being," Dr. McCulloch says. "for someone living alone they can provide a new interest in life — someone to talk to and have a laugh with. They can also make patients more active. There is good evidence that a heart attack patient makes a better recovery if he has a pet."

Stress is one of the killers of modern life, but scientists at the University of Pennsylvania have discovered a new way of lowering dangerously high blood pressure levels.

No drugs are involved — patients are simply placed in front of an aquarium and left to watch the fish. Some video companies now sell tapes of tropical fish lazily swimming around. As the companies point out, you don't have to feed the fish or clean out the tank.

The idea of using pets to aid recovery was first tried by 18th-century Quakers, but faded out as new medicines were developed.

Shelton Hospital, Shrewsbury, England, turned back the clock and found that 18 cats, three dogs, seven parakeets and a tank of goldfish worked wonders with long-term patients.

"We realized how beneficial pets can be," said Dr. Mary Highcliffe. "They're uncritical, they don't require a lot of care, you can talk to them and they don't get bored. They're a perfect friend."

At Shelton, withdrawn patients became more talkative, and difficult ones socialized more easily. And in one case, a woman, thought for five years to have been deaf, started talking to the goldfish.

Hundreds of patients at the Golden West convalescent hospital in Hawthorne, Calif., have been helped on the road to recovery by a mongrel dog named Duchess.

Administrator Marion Hames saved the stray from being put to sleep and made a home for her at the hospital. Now Duchess starts her daily rounds at 7 a.m., greeting patients in every sick ward in the 40-room building.

And when a signal light flashes above a patient's door, the black and tan dog races to fetch a nurse.

Duchess called daily on a 64-year-old man, paralyzed and unable to speak, and sat by his bed nuzzling his hand.

"After a couple of days, the patient reached down to pat her," says Hames. "It was the first time he had responded to anything. Now he's actually saying a few words."

Some developments in four-legged therapy have progressed to training animals to care for the sick. For instance, Dr. Mary Willard of Tufts New England Medical Care Hospital has taught capuchin monkeys to nurse patients.

One saucer-eyed monkey has enriched the life of paralysis victim Robert Foster by operating his microwave oven, serving meals, and preparing drinks of milk from his refrigerator.

The incredible capuchin brushes his hair, uses a key to open doors and can even take a record from a sleeve and place it on a turntable.


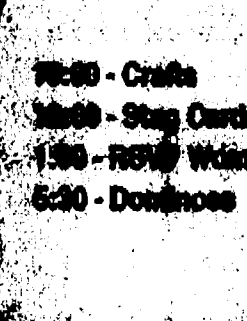

In Kyushu Veterinary Hospital, Japan, a chimpanzee helps out as a medical orderly — looking after other animals. He has been trained to carry patients to surgery and serve meals.

Doctors may soon be asking — are humans really necessary?

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APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 5:30 - Hangman	2. 10:00 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - "BK" Bingo	3. No Activity Singing Bingo	4. 1:00 - Pantry Bingo "SPRING FORWARD" Midnight, April 5
	6. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 5:30 - Hangman	9. COMMODITIES 10:00 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Birthday Dinner	10. "Lucky 7" Casino Trip 9:30 - Adult Ed. Class BPs 11:00-12 noon	11. 10:00 - Netball Club 11:30 - Pottery Sessions
14. Share sign-up 10:00 to 2:00 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 5:30 - Dominoes	15. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 5:30 - Dance With Tina	16. Foot Clinic 10:00 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	17. 9:30 - Adult Ed. Class BPs 11:00-12 noon	18. 11:30 - Laundry Service 1:00 - Pantry Bingo 1:30 - Legals 20. 1:00 - Sunday Potluck Bring a Dish to Pass
21. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 5:30 - Dominoes	22. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 5:30 - Hangman	23. 10:00 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club	24. "Lucky 7" Casino Trip 9:30 - Adult Ed. Class BPs 11:00-12 noon	25. SHARE Pick-up 1:30 - at LDS 1:00 - Pantry Bingo
28. and 31. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Women 5:30 - Dominoes	29. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 5:30 - "Roarin' 20s" Dance	30. 10:00 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club		

Sunday brunch scheduled at the Senior Center

Sunday Brunch will be over coffee. at the Senior Center on The center will have April 6th. The center will french toast, ham, eggs, be serving continuously fruit bar and dessert, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., so Donation for seniors is stop and have breakfast, \$1.50 and a \$3 charge for juniors. brunch, or lunch and have a marvelous time chatting

Appointments needed for Social Security

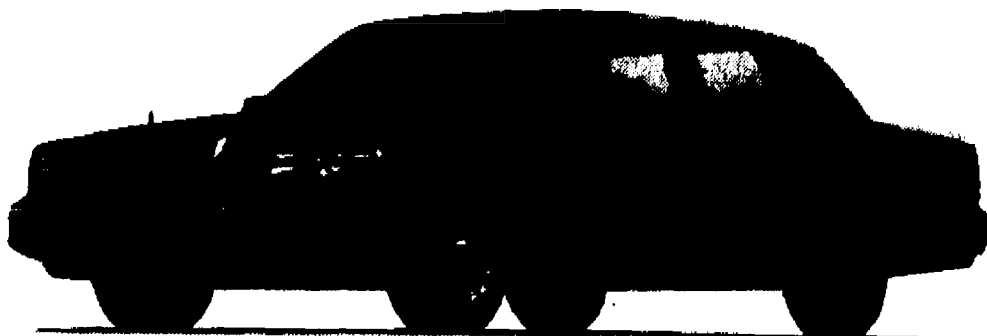
The Social Security Administration will be handling Social Security business in Grayling by appointment only. Persons may call 1-800-772-1213 or Traverse City, 1-616-946-8361, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MIC and senior commodities distributed

MIC and senior commodities will be distributed at the Free Methodist Church on M-72 West. The date this month is on Wednesday, April 9, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Those seniors that live in the senior housing complex will have theirs delivered by volunteers after 2:30 p.m. on that day. Also, if any senior will not be able to pick up their commodities during the time allotted at the Free Methodist Church, and would like to pick them up later (after 2:30) at the Senior Center, please let the center know so that they can have them there. They must be picked up within three days. It is necessary to have a request in before 10 a.m. on distribution day.

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Personnel needs posted for schools

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

Five positions were recently posted for the Crawford AuSable School District.

"At the April (Board of Education) meeting it will be determined which advertised positions can be filled," Superintendent Kent Reynolds said. "No interviews will be conducted until after the board approves the positions."

The five posted positions are as follows:

Lower elementary school multi-age (first and second grade) classroom.

At the middle school level a math and/or science position and language arts and/or social studies position are needed.

According to Reynolds, the best teacher available for the job will be hired, but that teacher need only be certified in one of the two subjects.

At the high school level an additional one-and-one-half teachers will be hired.

One teacher will be hired that is certified in math and/or science or certified in language arts and/or social studies.

A half-time athletic director also needs to be hired at the high school. The athletic director could be a teacher now who will devote half of their time to athletic director duties, thus requiring the need to hire an additional half-time teacher.

Another possibility is hiring a

teacher for a half-time athletic director, half-time teacher position.

A second instrumental music teacher position has also been posted. Due to the large number of students involved in the music program, the need for a second teacher has arisen.

The fifth position is a fifth grade teaching position.

Staff members who retire or choose to leave the district will also have their vacant positions posted.

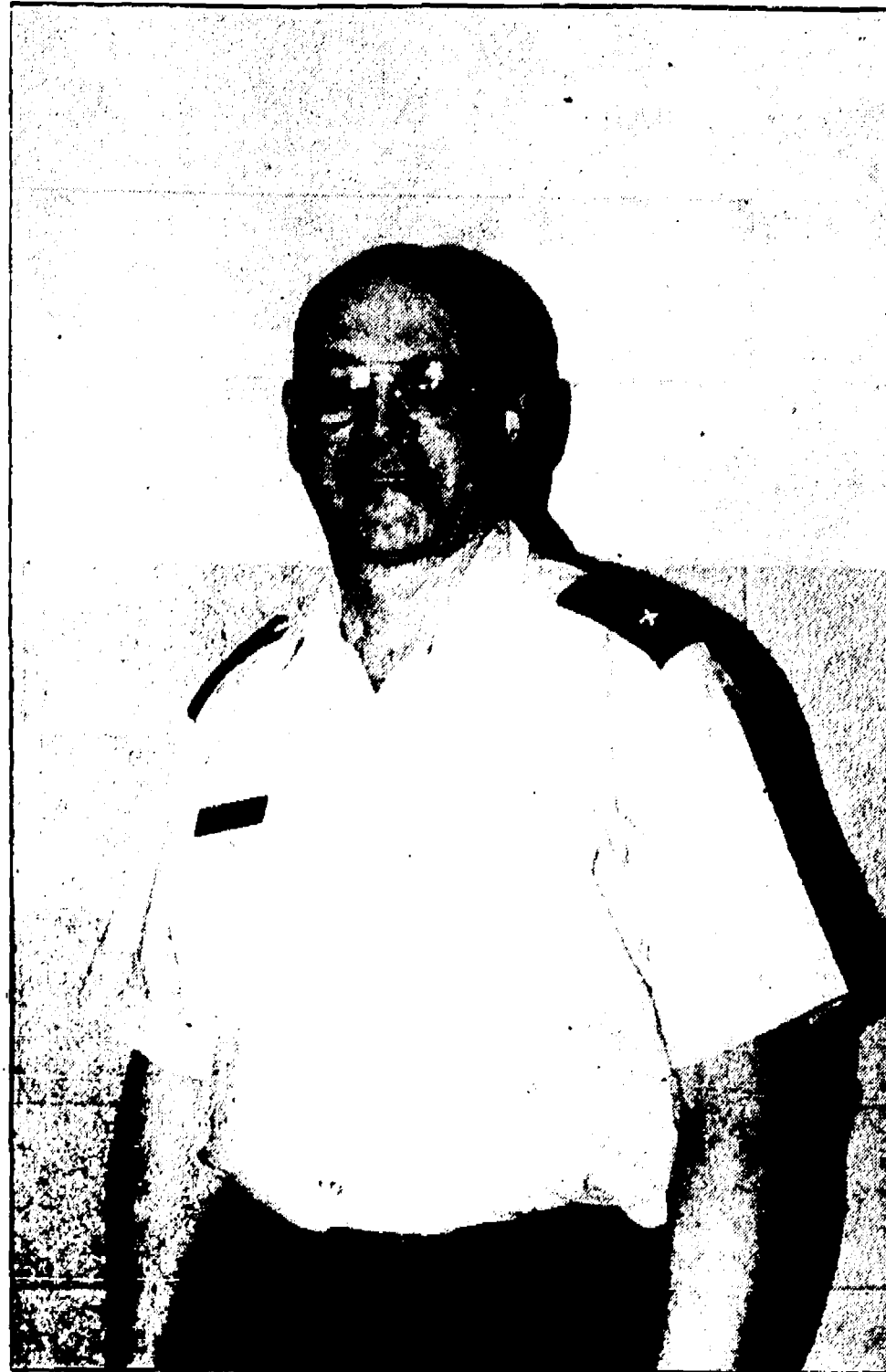
Siren testing period set for Frederic fire officials

Frederic residents should not be alarmed when sirens at the Frederic Fire Department go off on Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m.

The fire department officials in Frederic are holding their near-annual testing event for their sirens.

The fire siren will go off first, followed by the tornado warning signal. Also part of the testing period is the fall-out siren.

This event is being done in observance of National Weather Awareness Week.



PRMAN RETIRES — Lt. Col. Jerry Foehl, public affairs officer at Camp Grayling, retired from the Michigan National Guard at the end of March. Foehl has served for 27 years in the military and has worked at Camp Grayling for the past nine years.

MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewact:

Paul Cecil Skidmore was charged with Imp Disposal Solid Waste and fined \$210.

James Hamilton Calvin was charged with Use Too Many Lines and fined \$45.

Van Clair Litchard, III was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

Thomas M. Osterholt was charged with Unreg. Snowmobile/No Trail Per and fined \$50.

Chad Everett Evans was charged with Oper ORV In Prohibited Area and fined \$85.

Kenneth Harold Jackson was charged with Snowmobile-Fail To Exhibit Reg/Demand and was fined \$50.

Paul Arnold Garred was charged with Operate Snowmobile w/o Helmet and was fined \$50.

Darrell Jackson was charged with Snowmobile-Lights and Brakes and was fined \$35.

Joshua David Hacker was charged with 080/70 and fined \$70.

Leveda Marie Humlinski was charged with Speed 035/25 and fined \$70.

Kevin Carl Watts was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

Michael Joseph Pollock was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

William Frani Shaughnessy, III was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

Lamond Edward Haverkate, Jr. was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

Gregory Joseph Garcia was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per not disp and fined \$35.

James Thomas Daniel, Jr. was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

David Dustin Weinberg was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and fined \$85.

David John Lamont was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Duane Raymond Lamont was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Wanda Lee Ferguson was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Scott L. Black was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Ryan Donald Cohee was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Charles Mark Lynch was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Jerry Vance Reider was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Thomas Jeffrey Weldon was

charged with Recreational Trespass and was fined \$70.

Harley Glick was charged with No Hunter's Orange and was fined \$70.

Wayne Kenneth Garrett was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Garry Owen Loomis was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Prohibited Area and was fined \$85.

Andrew Simonow was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Prohibited Area and was fined \$50.

James Richard Hough was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Daniel Philip Crocenzi was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Eric Lee Rowland was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Randee R. Robison was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Mark A. Schang was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

William Del Herwat was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Jeffrey Marc Shore was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Joseph Timothy Shaughnessy was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and fined \$85.

Joseph Lawrence Beck was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Michael Denny Barnaby was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Jerry J. Ott was charged with Operate Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

James Clinton Burnie was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Kenneth Richard Adams was charged with Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per and was fined \$50.

Juelli Laverne Joseph was charged with Fail Attach Name/Add On Shanty and was fined \$95.

Donald Roger Bitterman, Jr. was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Robert Wayne Iveson was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Kelvin Lee Duflo was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp and was fined \$35.

Paul Dainon Mazur was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Michael Paul Fortino was charged with Operate ORV w/o Being Register and was fined \$50.

Donald Paul Abbey was charged with Use Too Many Lines and was fined \$45.

Robert Lee Bennett was charged with Operate ORV w/o Being Register

and was fined \$50.

Eric Lee Kimmel was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp and was fined \$35.

Steven James Smigulec was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp and was fined \$35.

Stephen Mark Chapo was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp and was fined \$35.

Thomas Joseph Levine was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp and was fined \$35.

Karen Marie Hunt was charged with Snowmobile-Numb/Reg/Trail Per Not Disp and was fined \$35.

James Robert Lindell was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Steven Douglas Schroeder was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Kimberly Joyce Eastep was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

William Grant Zobel was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Keith Douglas Brine was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Robert Lyle Brigg was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Keith Douglas Brine was charged with Snowmobile-OUIL and fined \$560.

Jeffery Eugene Bolton was charged with Operate Snowmobile-Proh Area and was fined \$85.

Jeffery Eugene Bolton was charged with Fleeing & Eluding-Other and was fined \$165.

Jeffery Eugene Bolton was charged with Snowmobile-OUIL and was fined \$560.

Donald Eric Scherrer was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Brian James Taylor was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Daniel Francis Sullivan was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Michael John Scherrer was charged with Oper Snowmobile Wrong Side Of Road and was fined \$85.

Jolene Denise Dubaere was charged with Unreg Snowmobile/No Trail Per and was fined \$50.

Daniel James Lyons was charged

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MTH 402	6-9:25 pm	Statistics II	Monday
ACC 350	6-9:25 pm	Accounting Systems	Tuesday
HIS 202	6-9:25 pm	American History 1820 - 1900	Tuesday
ACC 330	6-9:25 pm	Federal Taxation I	Tuesday
MKT 330	6-9:25 pm	Marketing Communications	Tuesday
COM 122	6-9:25 pm	College Writing II	Wednesday
ECO 301	6-9:25 pm	Microeconomics	Wednesday
MKT 301	6-9:25 pm	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday
ACC 302	6-9:25 pm	Intermediate Accounting II	Thursday
ACC 203	6-9:25 pm	Cost Accounting I	Thursday
CIS 101	6-9:25 pm	Computer Information Processing	Thursday
MGT 375	6-9:25 pm	Organizational Dynamics	Thursday

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Vetavisit '97 features animal care

Health care for all kinds of animals — from dogs to dairy cows — is the focus of Vetavisit '97, the annual open house put on by MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine. This year's event will be held Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterinary Medical Center.

Special events will include sheep shearing, dog training, releasing wild birds, a petting zoo, and how to milk a cow.

Featured again this year is the Teddy Bear Clinic. Bring along a favorite tattered-and-torn stuffed animal and watch the student surgeons in action.

Numerous exhibits and demonstrations throughout the day will illustrate how to recognize a health emergency in a pet, how to take care of a snake, the role of proper nutrition for a pet, and much more.

Vetavisit is organized by MSU veterinary students; representatives from the preveterinary and veterinary technology programs will be on hand to provide information on careers.

Admission is free, and the exhibits are geared to all ages.

The Veterinary Medical Center is located on the corner of Bogue Street and Wilson Road on the MSU campus.



EIGHTH GRADE CHOIR -- The Grayling Middle School Choir eighth grade members that helped achieve a rating of I in sight reading and ratings of I and II in performance at the March 15 festival are (in alphabetical order) Jacob Carrothers, Wendy Dedafoe, Rebecca Devine, Angela Everson, Monique Fagan, Kristen Gaertner, Ara Gallagher, Amy Hanson, Matthew Helton, Jena Kelley, Amy Kozik, Tabatha Lachance, Lindsay Lokovich, Meghan Meyer, Marie Montagne, Jacolyn Murphy, Anne Nettleton, Jennifer Owen, Jennifer Palmer, Marisa Papendick, Tina Peever, Kimberly Ruley, Michelle Sanborn, April Schroyer, Jessie Smock, Jill St. Germain, Michelle Stamper, David Stocker, Maggi Todoroff, Kristi Wargo and Don Welch.



SEVENTH GRADE CHOIR -- The Grayling Middle School Choir seventh graders who helped bring home a rating of I in sight reading and ratings of I and II in performance at the March 15 festival are (in alphabetical order) Nicole Alandt, Martin Benstead, Brent Bielat, Jon Boerger, Alisha Carlisle, Ashlee Cox, Larry Davis, Jamie Dent, Sarah Devine, Melissa DuCastel, Charity Evans, Racheael Evon, Michelle Gildner, Sancy Greene, Bonnie Hogston, Ahsley Howden, Lisa Hubenschmidt, Shannon Johnston, Tasheena Joseph, Heather King, Travis LaMotte, Heather Lavecchia, Darcie Lovely, Ken Maloney, Kirkie Meyer, Heather Miller, Rayanna Miller, Patti Peever, Tiffany Pizzi, Diana Richeson, Chris Robbins, Penny Rosin, Johnna Schultes, Annie Spencer, Rachel VanGuilder, Alesha Wargo, Sarah Weaver, Elizabeth Wheeler, Emily Whitney, Liberty Wilder, Ashley Wolcott and Dainta Woods-Crouch.

County may hire monitoring official soon to watch over the landfill

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Crawford County should have an environmental quality "monitoring official" on duty in the near future.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed at an earlier meeting this year to use some of the money from the sale of the landfill to hire an official to monitor the activity involving the landfill operation and other county environmental concerns.

The commissioners have conducted some interviews for the position. There have been nine applicants interviewed for the position.

"We hope to have a person hired by May 1," said Commissioner Bob Smock, chairman of the Personnel and Labor Committee. "We may offer second interviews to two or three of the candidates or we may offer the

position to a candidate."

Smock said he was not sure which way the board would decide to go, since the matter has not been discussed. The matter of the monitoring official position will be discussed at a Personnel and Labor meeting to be held after the regular county board meeting on Tuesday, April 15.

According to the legal advertisement for the new position, the commissioners are searching for a person with desirable qualifications, being a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and/or related field. The salary for the position will range from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

The new position will cover a wide range of environmental issues. The nature of work will be "monitor compliance with Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan

including, but not limited to, on-site inspections, daily monitoring of waste flow, month-end reports and coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality. Additional county environmental issues will be part of the environmental quality monitor duties added at a future date."

Crawford County will use the money the county is being paid from City Environmental Services of Waters for the landfill, Smock said.

Preliminary examination adjourned

The preliminary examinations have been adjourned until a future date for two of the teenagers accused of being involved in a recent spree of breaking and enterings, and malicious destruction of property incidents in Lovells Township.

Jamie Scheib, 17, of Lansing, and Jerrod Root, 17, of Grand Ledge requested preliminary examinations and the court set the examinations for March 25. That date was adjourned in Crawford County District Court and rescheduled for April 8 before District Judge Francis Walsh.

A juvenile from the Lansing area also was charged in the matter.

Crawford County authorities have said the three individuals caused more than \$100,000 worth of damage and stolen items. Crawford County Sheriff's officers recovered and returned some of the items from the crime spree.

Due to the breaking and enterings in January, a number of Lovells Township residents have come together to form a crimefighter's organization. The group of residents have been meeting on the first Saturday of each month since the crime spree.

FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Tracking down the pain

Pain can be a tricky villain. The part of the body that's sending the "I hurt!" message may or may not be the part that is actually causing the problem. When it comes to aches and pains in the back and lower extremities, for example, the feet may be one place to look for answers. Ever since the running and fitness craze began in the 1970s, people started complaining of "new" knee, leg, foot and shin problems. Lots of these problems could eventually be traced to the mechanics of the foot. Today, a professional evaluation of such painful conditions can help identify abnormalities in the way a person walks or runs, and lead to a prescription for the proper footwear, orthotic (insert), exercises, or other treatment to rectify them. One way to start tracking down the cause of lower leg or back pain is to switch to a good pair of athletic shoes.

If the pain eases, you're probably on the right track. Back pain, foot pain, whatever kind of pain you're having, results are all that really matter. And the best way to achieve these pain-free results are through your doctor. He or she has to treat the underlying cause of your pain so that it will not come back. That's the kind of care you need and deserve, and that's the kind of care you'll find at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, MI 49783-0100 & 800-668-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also: Elkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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CONCERT MONEY — Pastor Ron Voelker (right) of Grayling Assembly of God presents a check to Pastor Doug Paterson, treasurer of the AuSable Ministerial Association for the upcoming Contemporary Christian Concert on May 21 with "Harvest," at the high school auditorium. Other churches or individuals who would like to contribute financially to this effort can send checks made payable to the AuSable Ministerial Association Fund marked "concert" to 400 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Area churches are hoping to raise approximately \$1,000 to help underwrite the cost of this concert, along with ticket sales.

New drivers face new licensing requirements

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced that the Department of State began administering Michigan's new graduated licensing law for young drivers on April 1.

Any young driver who enrolls in driver education on or after April 1 is subject to the new requirements. Teens enrolled in driver education before April 1 are not subject to the new three-step licensing process.

Michigan's chief motor vehicle administrator is reminding driver license applicants that anyone applying for an original license on or after April 1 must pass a road test to become licensed. This includes teens who have completed driver education prior to April 1, but who have not yet applied for their original operator license.

"Teens are over-represented in traffic crashes and our goal is to reduce their crash involvement by better preparing them to handle the complex task of driving," Miller said. "Our goal is to give young drivers an opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom during mandatory practice with an experienced driver."

"Further, by reinstating the mandatory road test, we will ensure that young drivers have the skills they need to be safe drivers," Miller added. "These are skills that could save their lives and those with whom they are sharing the road."

The highlights of the new law include: allowing teens to begin the license process at an earlier age; requiring 50 mandatory hours of practice driving at Level 1, including 10 hours at night, with a licensed parent or guardian, or a designated licensed adult age 21 or older; reinstatement of the mandatory road test; and restriction

barring teens under age 17 from driving between midnight and 5 a.m., unless driving with a parent or legal guardian, or designated licensed adult age 21 or older; or driving to and from work.

Teens will be eligible for unrestricted driving privileges at age 17 and after meeting all other licensing requirements.

MILITARY NEWS

Brian Robinson

Marine Lance Cpl. Brian C. Robinson, son of Jerry H. and Terri S. Robinson of Grayling, recently participated in the evacuation of nearly 900 American and foreign citizens from Albania. Robinson is assigned to the special operations capable 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), homebased at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Operating with helicopters from the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville and the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, and supported by the dock landing ship USS Pensacola, Robinson's unit evacuated citizens from the U.S. Embassy in Tirana, Albania. In addition, Marines from Robinson's unit provided security at the embassy compound. Civil unrest plunged the country into anarchy, forcing hundreds of citizens to flee the country.

Robinson's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. The 26th MEU is composed of more than 2,000 personnel and is divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of these teams, Robinson's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

The 1994 graduate of Grayling High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

MILITARY NEWS

Jeremy Nelson

Jeremy F. Nelson has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Petoskey.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Nelson will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia, for military basic training on July 29.

He is the son of Rebecca L. Nelson and Gregory G. Nelson, both of Grayling.

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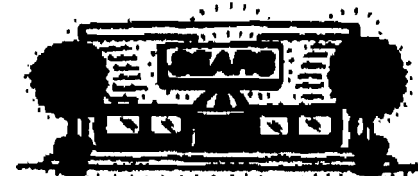
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Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 3, 1997

Youth Arts Month comes to an end

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

March was celebrated as Youth Arts Month by students from AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary schools.

Thirty artists, 15 from each school, showcased their masterpieces at the Wendy's of Grayling throughout the month.

The Michigan Alliance for Arts Education and Wendy's co-sponsored the event to create awareness and appreciation for the importance of art in school curriculum and education.

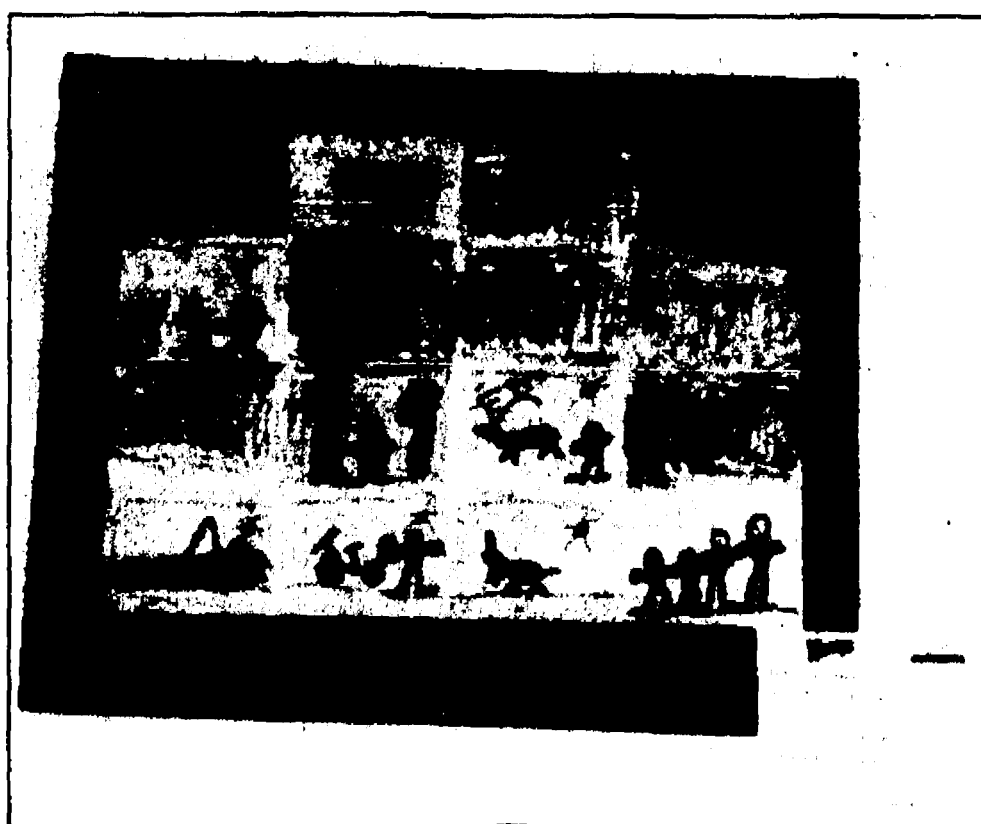
The showcased artists received a free meal from Wendy's as well as a certificate from the school they attend.

This is the ninth consecutive year of the program, but only the fourth year in which Grayling participated.

Statewide 83 Wendy's Restaurants were to display over 3,000 pieces of artwork that would be viewed by two million people.

The students participating in the program are as follows: AuSable Primary - Hank Abney, Jeremiah Bootz, Jim Boylan, Jess Fairbotham, Ali Ferrigan, Lindsey Knowles, Kelly Lange, Jonathon Lovely, Ashley Marculewicz, Chris Phillips, Jessica Ramsey, Dayne Rohn, Jessika Skillern, Meghan Thomas and Timmy VanNuck.

Grayling Elementary - Austin Andrus, Jessica Cooper, Tyler Cragg, Rayl Davis, Nicole Dixon, Emily Dunckley, Jayce Guillen, Joe Highlen, Gail Hilliker, Kristin Patnode, Becky Ramaswamy, Nick Sala, Maranda Shear, Jeff Weaver and Dane White.



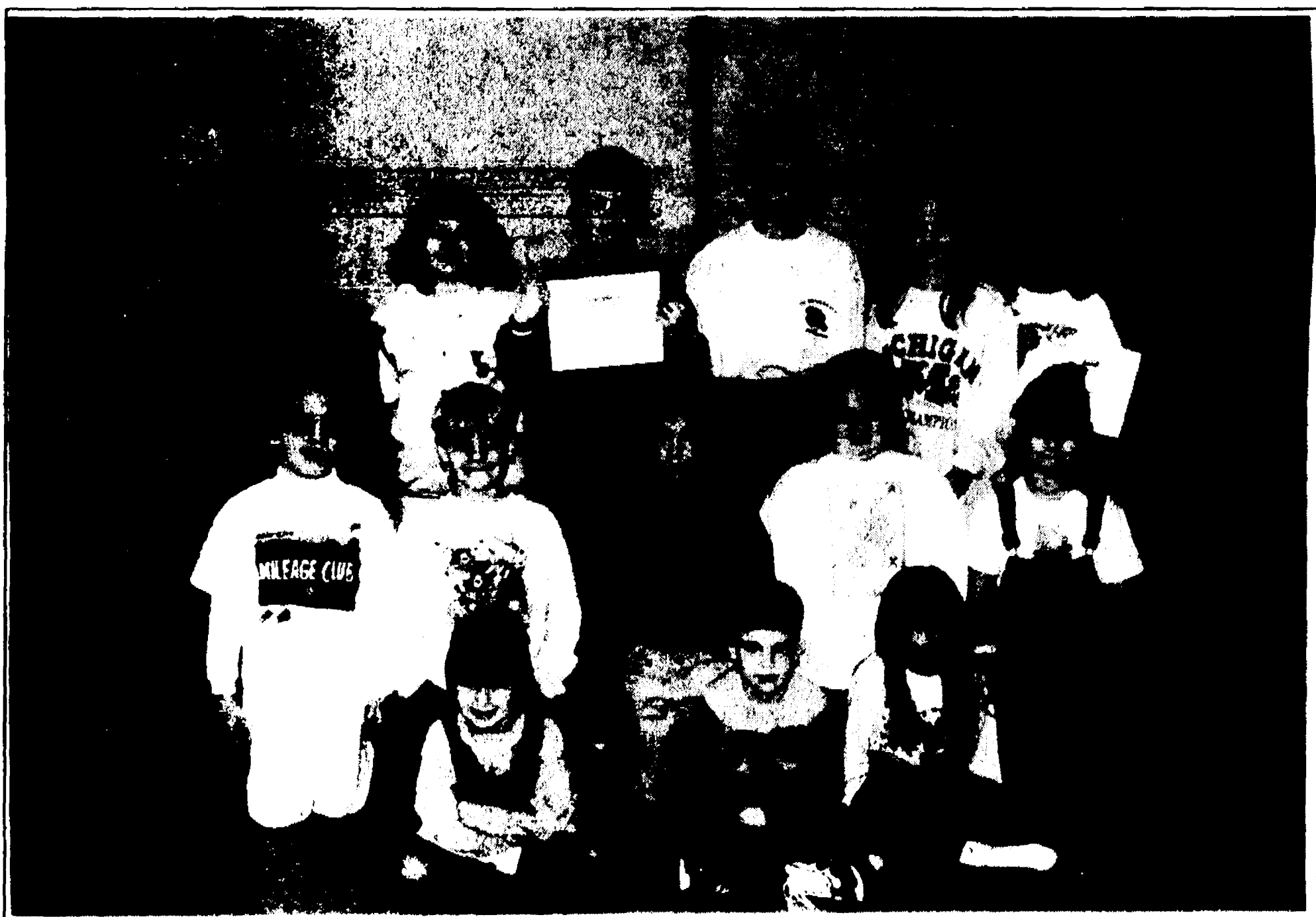
STORY QUILT -- Hank Abney, a student at the AuSable Primary School created this story quilt. Abney was chosen as one of 30 artists to have their work displayed in Wendy's Restaurants throughout the state in honor of Arts Month.



YOUNG ARTIST -- Chris Phillips, a third grader at the AuSable Primary School poses under his artwork at the Wendy's Restaurant in Grayling. The artwork hung at the Wendy's Restaurant throughout the month of March.



ELEMENTARY ARTISTS -- Artists taking part in the Michigan Alliance for Arts Education/Wendy's Youth Arts Month from Grayling Elementary School are (front, from left) Jeff Weaver, Jayce Guillen and Austin Andrus. The middle row (l-r) is Tyler Cragg, Nicole Dixon, Becky Ramaswamy, Maranda Shear and Jessica Cooper. The back row (l-r) is Nick Sala, Joe Highlen, Kristin Patnode, Gail Hilliker, Emily Dunckley, Dane White and (not pictured) Rayl Davis.



PRIMARY ARTISTS -- Students from the AuSable Primary School, who took part in Youth Arts Month are (front, from left) Jessica Ramsey, Jonathon Lovely and Ashley Marculewicz. The middle row (l-r) is Hank Abney, Timmy VanNuck, Dayne Rohn, Lindsey Knowles and Jessika Skillern. The back row is Jess Fairbotham, Meghan Thomas, Jeremiah Bootz, Jim Boylan, Ali Ferrigan and Kelly Lange. Not pictured is Chris Phillips.



ART GALLERY -- The artwork of 30 students at the AuSable Primary School and Grayling Elementary School hung in the Wendy's Restaurant throughout the month of March.



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DARE DONATION — Members of the Grayling Eagles #3465 donated \$1,000 to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office Drug Area Resistance Education program. The persons pictured are, from left: Deputy David Vogel, Sheriff David Lovely, John Kuszak, Frank Kammer and Deputy Shawn Kraycs.

Local travel series continues on April 9

On Wednesday evening, April 9, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Travel and Adventure Series will present its fifth program of the season at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. The program "We Swedes" by Ed Lark is rescheduled from February.

Today Sweden is a pioneer in social changes. Noted for its social progress and equality, women may be found at every level of industry and government. Sweden continues to lead the world with new and bold programs designed to make life for every Swede more comfortable and secure.

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featuring life and traditions of Old Sweden. Sail through the picturesque archipelago and along the famous Gota Canal from Stockholm to Gothenburg. Visit Orrefors Glass Factory and see an outstanding crystal museum.

Go behind the tourist facade to enjoy a close look at the friendly Swedes. Follow a group of Swedes through magnificent wilderness and learn of their deep love for nature. Follow the daily life of a typical family. See students celebrate their graduation in a unique way. Learn how young people feel about their country. Visit the Lapps, the nomads of the north and see the unforgettable Midnight Sun. "We Swedes" shows life in Sweden as it really is.

Ed Lark is one of a rare breed, a native of California. He grew up beside the Golden Gate, in the glittering cosmopolitan city of San Francisco. But, even with so romantic a place to call home, he has been traveling much of his life. A keen interest in people has led him into a career of helping people of different nations better understand each other through films.

As a teenager he developed a serious interest in photography and was soon winning awards for his pictures. At 18

he spent an entire year in Europe, producing his first feature-length film and at the same time presenting, in a foreign language, a film he had produced in America.

Lark's formal education was completed at the University of California where he received a degree in engineering. He also studied speech and voice while continuing his photographic work.

Lark has spent over 30 years filming the world and has become an expert on travel. He has organized and conducted tours to many areas of the world, and his articles on travel have appeared in newspapers everywhere. His beautifully photographed films have earned him the reputation as a perfectionist with a camera, and he has won numerous awards, including the coveted Chris Award, which is the Oscar equivalent for educational films.

Lark has been inducted into the Travelogue Hall of Fame. This is an honor given to an artist who consistently maintains the highest standards and has contributed significantly to the travelogue industry. He is also the past president of the International Motion Picture and Lecturers Association.

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Schools of Choice policy to be decided

"We believe students should attend whichever school they choose to attend," said Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Kent Reynolds.

At the April board of education meeting the Schools of Choice policy may be revised.

The current policy states that primary and elementary school students are allowed to choose whether they attend Frederic Elementary School or Grayling Elementary School.

The only constraints on the policy are space and transportation.

According to Reynolds, a balance must be maintained between the number of students in each classroom at both schools.

If a student takes class enrollment

over 26 in kindergarten or 28 in first through fifth grade, that student will not be permitted to make a choice on which school to attend.

Transportation is another problem because the district cannot run transportation just for one student.

Currently the bus run can take children to their school of choice, but cannot take them home, Reynolds stated.

The current policy states that school choice requests will be accepted until May 20. Those requests will all be considered as a group.

"After May 20, the requests will be considered on a first come, first serve basis," Reynolds said.

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The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on April 5 and cease on April 6.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. Firing will begin on April 5 and cease on April 6.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline. Firing will begin on April 5 and cease on April 6.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road P97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on April 4 and cease on April 6.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. P97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will be on April 3 through April 5 and also April 8 and 9.

For further information, call (517) 348-3708 or 1-800-628-5820.

Statewide police force may expand

House Democrats introduced legislation to provide local governments with the financial resources to eventually hire up to 5,000 more police officers to patrol Michigan's communities.

"This legislation puts more police officers on patrol, helps local governments afford the cost, and maintains fiscal responsibility in our state budget," said Rep. Paul Baade (D-Roosevelt Park), the sponsor of the bill.

"Today, we begin a true commitment to prevent crime on the neighborhood level," said House Speaker Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit). "The best way to prevent crime is to put cops on patrol in our neighborhoods. That's what we accomplish with this legislation."

Baade's legislation establishes a matching-grant program under which the state will provide 80 percent of the salary for each new patrol officer hired, with local communities funding a 20 percent share. The program established by the bill will fund up to 625 new officers per year over an eight-year period.

Communities will be eligible to receive funding for each new officer for up to four consecutive years. After four years, local governments will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost of each officer.

"By phasing in each new officer class, we give communities the option of targeting resources to hire new officers up to seven years in advance, and we keep the program responsible within the context of a balanced state budget," Baade said. "By phasing out the grants after four years, we allow local communities to adjust for the time when they have the financial responsibility for keeping the officer on the beat."

Participation in the program will be entirely optional for local governments. Adding 5,000 new officers would expand the number of police officers in Michigan by about 25 percent. In 1995, there were 19,600 full- and part-time police officers in the state.

Baade's legislation would cost the state about \$14.5 million to fund salaries for 625 new officers during the first year of the program. Hertel said House Democrats would make the funding an appropriations priority during coming negotiations over the state's budget.

"The Governor has recommended \$8.5 billion in general fund spending," Hertel said. "We're asking for one-tenth of one percent of that budget to make Michigan's neighborhoods safer. We think it's worth the investment."

Pruning demonstration scheduled

For the second time in as many years, Wellington Farm Park near Grayling and Higgins Lake will play host to a fruit tree pruning seminar. The event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 19.

The seminar, which will be conducted by Jim Nugent of the Michigan State biological Research Station in Leelanau County, will begin at the park Visitor Center at 9 a.m. This seminar is being presented by Wellington Farm Park free of charge as part of their Community Service Program.

Throughout the seminar, Nugent will explain and demonstrate by actually pruning the proper techniques of pruning both young fruit trees and established, producing trees. The seminar will deal primarily with apple trees; however, other types of fruit pruning will also be discussed.

Nugent will also spend time explaining and demonstrating how to prune and rejuvenate, and old, abandoned apple tree. This year's seminar participants will have the opportunity to see the results of this radical pruning and observe the second year pruning process.

Throughout the seminar, Nugent will respond to questions and explain various techniques. The seminar will conclude around noon. Members of the Wellington Farm Folk organization will be on hand with coffee and donuts.

Those planning to attend the seminar on April 19 are asked to call Wellington Farm Park at 348-5187 and pre-register so that the presenters have an idea of how many people to expect.



MONEY GIVEN — Ron Hall (left), president of the Grayling Booster Club, presents Steve Anderson, co-chairperson of Project Graduation, with a \$1,000 donation.

Comet Hale-Bopp lights up Michigan's sky

April will bring striking views of Comet Hale-Bopp to Michigan sky-watchers, according to University of Michigan astronomer Richard Teske.

Teske recommends looking for the comet about an hour after sunset.

"At that hour it should be hanging motionless in the northwest about two hand-breadths above the horizon, its tail extending almost vertically upward," he said. "The comet's head will appear to be a fuzzy star as bright as other stars in that part of the sky."

For best results, Teske recommends picking a dark observation site with a low, uncluttered horizon far away from artificial lights.

"Comet Hale-Bopp will remain visible during all of April," Teske said. "For the first two weeks, it will appear about the same altitude above the horizon when darkness descends. After April 15, it will gradually get lower in the sky from night to night. Seen from a good observing site, the tail looks half as long as the handle of the Big Dipper and actually extends over 20 million miles."

Comets are creations of the sun, Teske explained. "A comet's brilliant head, its tail and all of the phenomena we see, are caused by the sun itself. As the comet draws closer to the sun, its head and tail grow more prominent. They fade as the comet recedes from the sun."

The heart and core of every comet is a solid icy fragment of space debris three-to-eight-miles across, the size of a single Earth mountain. This core is made of frozen water, frozen methane and other ices in which gritty, rocky bits are embedded. Space photographs of the nucleus of Comet Halley showed it to be shaped like an Idaho potato. Astronomers believe a huge number

of these chunks exist in the dark, deep freeze of space far beyond the farthest planet Pluto, left over from the formation of our solar system.

"Some of these icy lumps enter the inner solar system from time to time, plunging unseen toward the warming fires of the sun, guided by its gravitational pull," Teske said. "When a comet nucleus comes closer to the sun than Jupiter's orbit, its surface ices begin to evaporate in the increasing solar glare. The ice becomes hazy, rarefied gases spreading out for 200,000 miles around the still solid nucleus. Sunlight has caused some of the ice to evaporate; now sunlight causes the gas to glow, making the comet visible. This is the bright head of comets like Hale-Bopp."

When the comet moves within the orbit of Mars, a tail appears — the result of two additional solar effects. One of these is the solar wind which blows perpetually outward from the sun into interstellar space.

"The tenuous gas of the solar wind pushes on the rarefied gas of the comet's head creating part of the gossamer tail which we see streaming rearward energized by sunlight," Teske explained.

The second effect is called the "radiation pressure" of sunlight. While the effect is a small one, it is real and important. Planetary scientists must account for its effect upon spacecraft traveling to distant planets. Just the vehicles arrive at their destinations hundreds of miles off-course. "In making a comet tail, the sun's light pushes on the tiny rocky bits associated with the comet's nucleus, forcing the bits rearward into the tail. There they reflect sunlight in all directions adding to the tail's illumination."

"Hale-Bopp will be closest to the sun on April 1 at a distance from it slightly less than our own distance from the sun," Teske said. "That should make April a time of enhanced brightness and tail length and make for a fine comet show."

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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before Judge Dennis Murphy March 3:

Lawrence Albert Weaver found guilty of Delivering a Controlled Substance, 60 days in county jail held in abeyance. Work release pending.

Glenn Ryan Gunther found guilty of Prisoner Possess Contraband, 12-60 months in MDOC to run consecutive with Oakland County sentence; fees - \$150 forensics lab fee.

Michael Bracey found guilty of prisoner possess contraband. Sentenced to 16-60 months in MDOC to run consecutive to Kalamazoo County sentence. Fined \$150 forensics.

Charles R. Jones found guilty of Prisoner Possess Contraband. Sentenced to 12-60 months MDOC to run consecutive with Saginaw County sentence. Fined \$150 for forensics.

Appearing before Judge Dennis Murphy March 14: Julia Kreiter found guilty of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. Sentenced to 90 days in the county jail with credit for five days served. Bond was cancelled.

Appearing before Judge Alton T. Davis on March 17:

Josh Lowell Dusseau found guilty of Breaking and Entering a Building with Intent. Sentenced to three years probation and six months in the county jail with credit for 93 days served. Fined - \$360 costs, \$645 other, \$60

crime/victim and restitution to be determined.

Richard Raymond Robbins found guilty of breaking and entering with Intent. Sentenced to three years probation and six months in the county jail with 93 days served. Fined \$100 restitution, \$360 costs, \$645 other and \$60 crime/victim.

Appearing before Judge Francis Walsh on March 18:

Ricky Lee Thomas found guilty of Welfare Fraud. Sentenced to two years probation, three months in the county jail held in abeyance, two days credit. Fined - \$972 restitution, \$40 crime/victim, \$240 costs and \$645 attorney fees.

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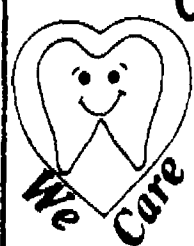
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Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Robert Allen Frederick of Jackson, pled guilty to the charge of DUIL/Per Se-Second Offense, and was fined \$660.00 and placed on 1 year probation.

Robert Lee Howe of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of License Suspended/Revoked and T-Improper Use License Plate, and was fined \$260.

Daniel Charles Herzberg of Horton, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560, and placed on one year probation.

Robert Lee Howe Jr. of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of A-Dog-Stray, and was fined \$35.

Timothy Allen Reams of Lake, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

Jamie Roland Sancier of Gaylord, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

William Joseph Moody of Saginaw, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

Davy Albert Ray of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$360.

Alan R. Gann of Bloomington, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed

on 180 days probation.

Martin Allen Frederick of Hale, pled guilty to the charges of Op Under Influence of Liquor and License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$1,070 and placed on one year probation.

Richard Bradley Edwards of Westland, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence Of Liquor, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

Tanya Lynn Havlik of Prudenville, pled guilty to the charge of Non Sufficient Funds U/\$50, and was fined \$160.

John Walter Kohler of Monroe, pled guilty to the charge of Assault/Assault & Battery, and was sentenced to 300 days in jail.

Albert Begin of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Grayling City Ord #4, and was fined \$160.

Roger Lee Flowers of Kalkaska, pled guilty to the charge of License Plates/Expired, and was fined \$410.

James Edward Illig of Clio, pled guilty to the charge of Snowmobile - DUIL, and was fined \$860.

Dana Sue Beckwith of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

Harry Wellington Argue of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Grayling City Ord. #4, and was fined \$160.

SPORTS

BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior Citizens League

Cornell's Realty	67-45
Totten's Body Shop	61.5-50.5
Bucilli's Pizza	60.5-51.5
Mac's Drug Store	57-55
Century "21" Realty	55-57
Bayham Wood Products	52-60
Flowers By Josie	47-65
Sylvester's Sports	46-66
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 231; O. Brantley, 201; C. Babbitt, 198.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 523; K. Harris, 472; O. Brantley, 470.	
Women's High Game: J. Kellogg, 167; D. Mead, 164; P. Harris, 161.	
Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 467; P. Harris, 452; D. Mead, 450.	

National First League

Moore's Auto Parts	35-17
Breakers Steak House	32-20
City Environmental	31-21
Carquest	31-21
Northern Whitetail Ranch	26.5-25.5
Forrest Bros.	21.5-30.5
Corkys D.J. & Karaoke	16-36
Guns & Grub	15-37
High Game: M. Millikin, 224; M. Millikin, D. Germain, 207; T. Sheldon, 202.	
High Series: T. Sheldon, 591; M. Millikin, 566; D. Canfield, 558.	

American Men's League

McLean's Ace	24-4
Stitches by Sue	17-11
Northwoods Land	16.5-11.5
Auto Parts	16-12
Rod's Auto Body	14.5-13.5
Fenton's Auto Service	11-17
Upper Lakes	9-19
BCI	4-24
High Game: C. Yost, 236; D. Canfield, 234; P. Faustman, 205.	
High Series: P. Faustman, 563; L. Davis, Jr., 561; M. Barr, 555.	

Recreation League

North Country R.V.	33-15
Fun-N-Sun Rental	31.5-16.5
Scher Motors	30-18
Mickey Perez CPA	25-23
Mark 8	25-23
Glen's Market	17-31
Peterson Saw Service	16.5-31.5
Cornell's	13-35
High Game: D. Armstrong, 196; P. Terry, 193; B. Wheeler, 191.	
High Series: P. Terry, 536; B. Wheeler, 514; D. Armstrong, 499.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

A. Bulldog Towing	37-19
Helzel Bros. Logging	33-23
Tees-N-Such	29-27
Moshier Auto Repair	27-29
Advance Collision	26-30
No Fear	25-31
AJD Forest Products	24-32
Cedar Motel	23-33
Men's High Game: R. Moshier, 234; B. Trudeau, 210; M. Summer, 208.	
Men's High Series: R. Moshier, 555; B. Trudeau, 546; M. Summer, 505.	
Women's High Game: B. Lozon, 219; D. Helzel, 174; K. Moshier, S. Barber, 168.	
Women's High Series: B. Lozon, 497; K. Moshier, 489; C. Campbell, 462.	

Triangle League

Moshier Auto	15-9
JJ's Motor Mail	14.5-9.5
Airway Auto	13.5-10.5
3-D's	13-11
Jackson Trio	12-12
Barber Const.	10-14
Blankman	10-14
Grayling Ford	8-16
High Game: B. Trudeau, 197; J. Robideau, 192; D. Henning, 182.	
High Series: M. Campbell 500; D. Henning, 495; J. Robideau, 494.	

Northwood

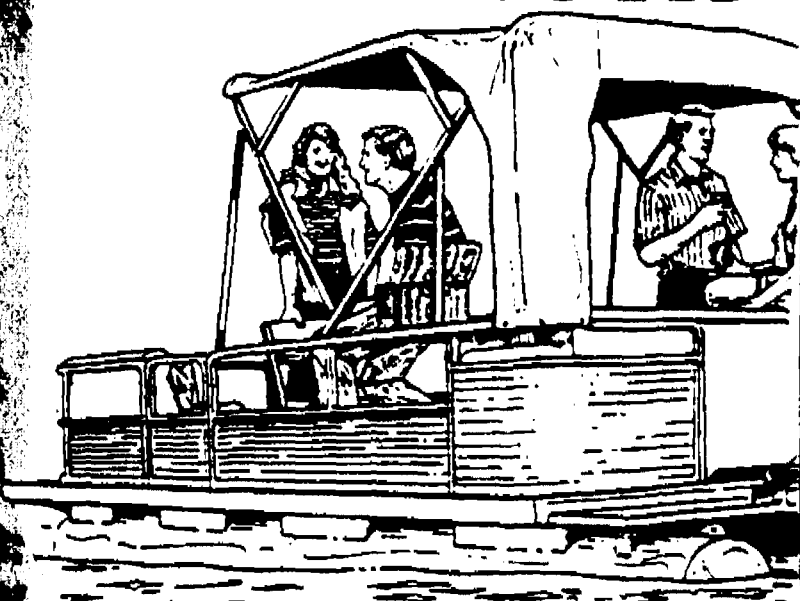
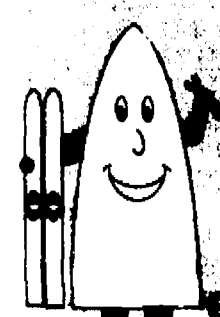
Wakely's Auto Parts	34-18
Rich's Cycle Service	32-20
House of Cabinets	30-22
Helzel Brothers	30-22
R. Calkins & Sons	25-27
Millikin's	20-32
Glen's	19-33
R&M Masonry	18-34
High Game: S. Romain, 210, 204; B. Wakely, 203; N. Tanski, 189.	
High Series: S. Romain, 595; N. Tanski, 533; L. Dannenberg, 513.	

Pioneer League

Millikins	34-14
Deb & Dale's	31-17
Custom Interior	27-21
Lady Shippers	27-21
Chemical Bank	26-22
Avant Betty's	16-32
Avalanche	16-32
Mercy Hospital	15-33
High Game: L. Golack, 204; J. Hatfield, 203; K. Moshier, 202.	
High Series: J. Hatfield, 519; K. Moshier, 512; K. Lozon, 498.	

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Act now to control Gypsy Moth

Property owners who are concerned about Gypsy Moth on their wooded property should be taking steps right now to control the insect. At the present time, aerial applicators are putting together their spring spray schedules and property owners who wish their property sprayed need to act now.

At the present time, there is no government-supported program for the control of Gypsy Moth in Crawford County; however, former Gypsy Moth Coordinator Howard Taylor has maintained contact with previous applicators and is able to assist property owners in making arrangements for the control of Gypsy Moth. Property owners who would like more information should call 348-5187 during normal business hours.

The material used to control Gypsy Moth this year will be the same as that used in the past, an organically safe product commonly referred to as bT. The material is applied by low-flying aircraft. In order to be effective, it is necessary to spray a minimum of 10 acres, with the optimum number of acres for good control being 20. Cost of spraying this year will be between \$8.50 and \$10 per acre. In order for subdivisions to be sprayed, enough residents will have to contribute to cover the cost of spraying the entire subdivision.

In order to have adequate time to contact property owners and to do the mapping work necessary before spraying can begin, property owners need to have their requests in by April 25. Requests for spray for the control of Gypsy Moth can be made by calling 348-5187.

Hinkle, Larm named to conference team

Brad Larm and Nate Hinkle, both members of the Grayling High School varsity team, were recently named to the All-Conference first team.

Larm was awarded the Most Valuable Player award recently for the GHS team.

Hinkle led the team in scoring with 237 points. He was 61-for-122 from inside the three-point line and 29-for-79 outside the three-point line. He went 34-for-58 from the free throw line.

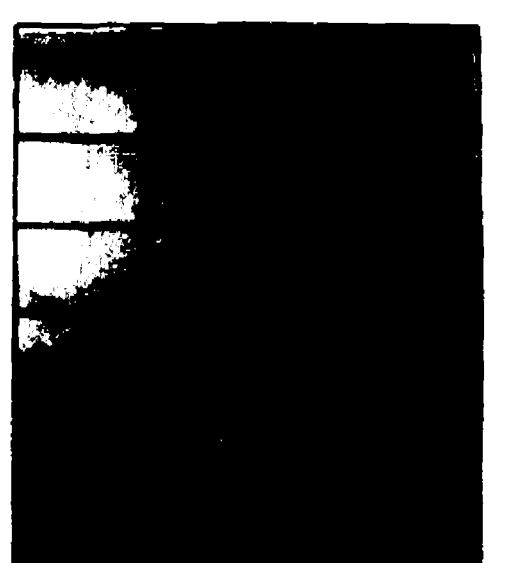
Brad Ritter and Ben Haskel were given honorable mention for the all-conference team.

Ritter shot 60 percent from the field and went 46-for-77 from two-point

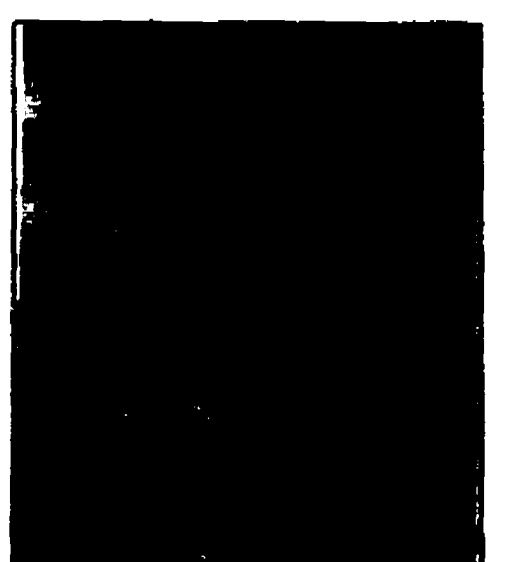
land. He had 82 deflections, 28 steals and 69 rebounds.

Haskel had 84 deflections, 69 rebounds and 21 steals.

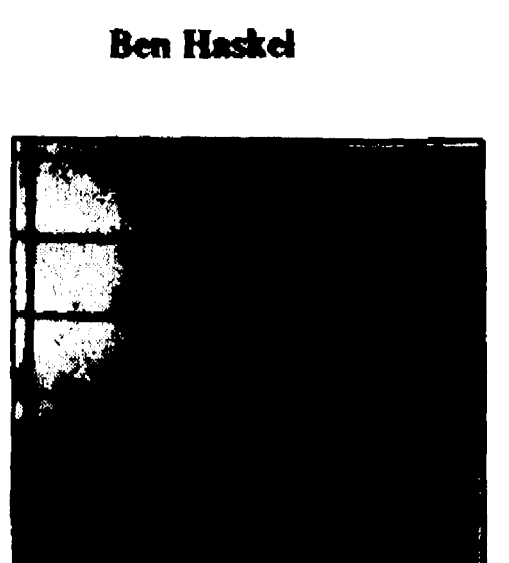
Haskel also received the NBA Sportsmanship Certificate for his outstanding conduct on the floor.



Nate Hinkle



Brad Larm



Ben Haskel



Brad Ritter

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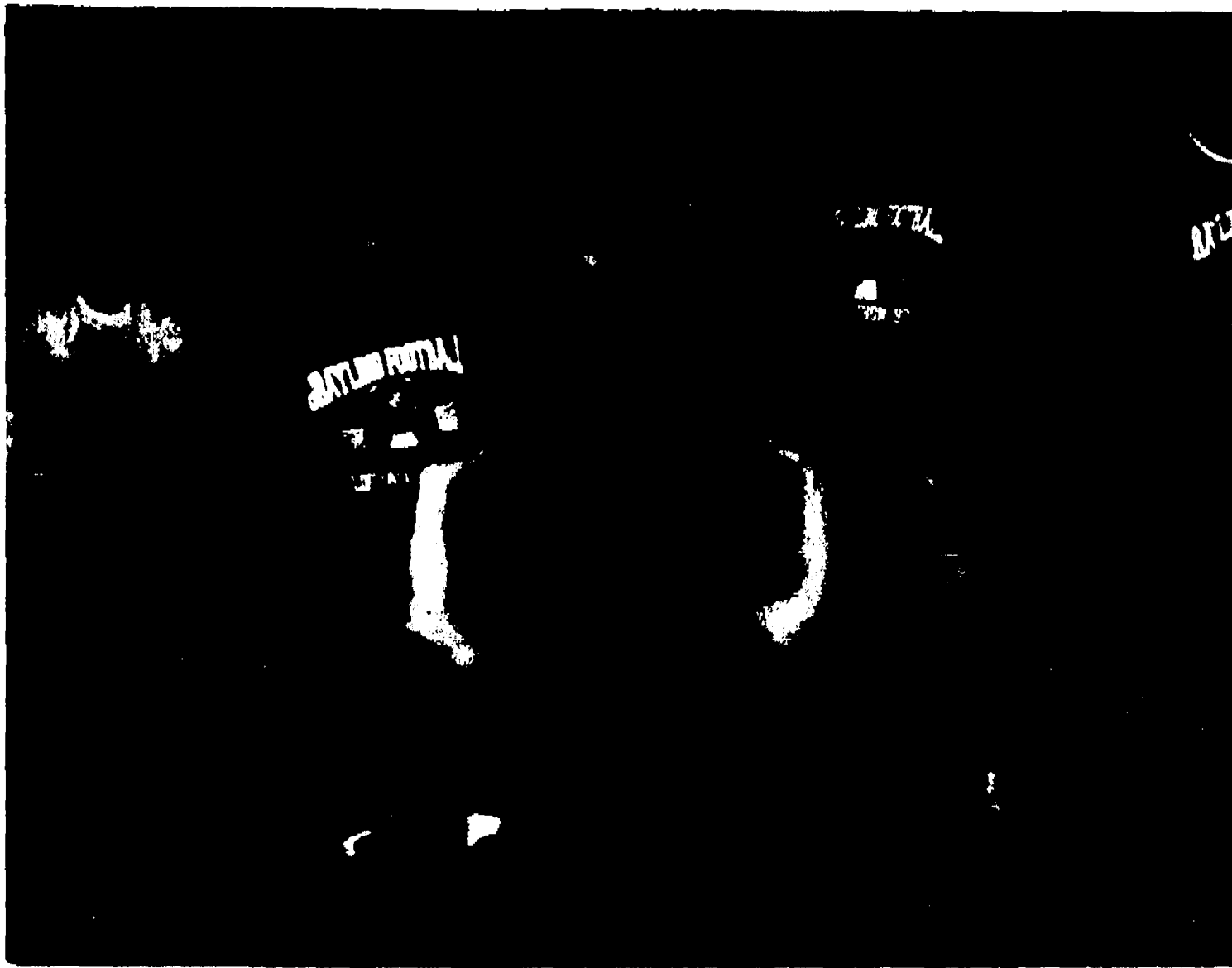
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SPORTS



LIFTING FOR A CAUSE -- Lifters were out in full-force to help benefit the Grayling High School weight room at the annual Lift-a-Thon. photo by Craig Hofman

Lift-a-Thon shows community strength

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

On Tuesday, March 25, the Grayling High School football team hosted their annual Lift-a-Thon to help raise money for the Grayling High School weightroom.

The Lift-a-Thon featured a variety of competitors, both male and female of different ages.

Each lifter pushed themselves to the limit and gave a great effort.

Varsity football coach Rodney Patterson passed out awards after the competition and expressed his appreciation for the competitors, parents and community supporters.

Patterson stressed that the weightroom is used by several sports and is a community weightroom for all future students.

In the Lift-a-Thon there were 65 competitors, which was 25 more than last year. Eight girls competed this year, compared to one last year.

Mandy Knapp, Becky Pilon and Tasha Carlisle were first place winners in the women's classes.

The only junior high competitor was Kyle Roman.

The participants goal was to try and lift as much as they could over their body weight.

The ninth grade boys winners were Brad Wilson who benched 45 pounds over his weight. Ryan Michaels lifted 50 pounds over his weight and Jordan Knight placed first lifting 54 pounds over his weight.

In the tenth grade the third place winner was Travis Beckett with 63 pounds over his weight. Second place

was Shane Colby who lifted 76 pounds over his weight. The first place winner was Charles Demoinis who lifted 98 pounds over his weight.

In the 11th grade the winner was Joe Woidan who lifted 132 pounds over his weight. In second place was Nate Niederer who lifted 121 pounds over his body weight. Ben Wilson placed third lifting 78 pounds over his weight.

The 12th grade winner was Miquel Perez who lifted 103 pounds over his body weight. Mo Harwood lifted 84 pounds over his body weight for a second place finish and Kevin Annis lifted 83 pounds over his weight for a third place finish.

The women's open division was won by Mrs. Brown. The mens open division was won by Lance Davis.



INDOOR PRACTICE -- The Grayling High School baseball teams have been gearing up for the new season by practicing indoors. The season is set to begin in mid-April. photo by Craig Hofman

Baseball team prepares for season; opening game set for April 10

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The 1997 Grayling High School varsity and junior varsity baseball teams are preparing for the upcoming season.

Weather has forced the Vikings to practice inside the high school gymnasium.

"You get done what you can, every little bit helps," said varsity head coach Fred Wolcott.

According to Wolcott, this is the longest they have been in the gymnasium and were only able to get outside to practice once so far this season.

The Vikings first game is on Thursday, April 10 against Gaylord. However, Wolcott does not think the game will be played, due to weather and field conditions.

"We plan to play the game, but have never been able to play it yet," Wolcott said.

The varsity team consists of 12 players.

"We have more pitchers than we have ever had and they all have potential," Wolcott said.

Aaron Perrin and Eddy Baynam will lead the pitching staff.

Ben Haskie is catching and is expected to be one of the leaders this year.

Josh Shane and Jerry Roman are expected to improve and contribute a lot to the team.

Senior Tim Anderson will see a lot of playing time.

Mike Knight is in his fourth year and should be a leader.

Junior Adam Baynam is throwing well and should contribute.

Bobby Beman has a live arm.

The varsity pulled up three underclassmen - sophomore Josh Sheldon, freshman Eli Tobin and freshman Brad Wilson.

"We will have to play good ball if we are going to be competitive and successful in the new conference," Wolcott said.

The junior varsity is being coached by Dwayne Van Drese. This team is also facing the challenge of preparing for the upcoming season indoors.

"We will rely on our pitching. Jeremy Millikin, Rusty Strophaul and Jeremy Latuszek should lead the squad and show leadership," VanDrese said.

VanDrese and the team feel the season will be fun, but do not know what to expect with the new conference.

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Lot #25 1988 Ford 9000 Cummins L-10, tank truck w/2000 gal. tank. At 221,000 miles both differentials & transmission were rebuilt, recently new water pump, radiator and muffler.

Lot #57 1970 Hough H65C loader w/Detroit 407 diesel engine and 3-yard bucket.

Lincoln Idealarc R3R-500 welder.

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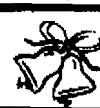
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CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 1997

The Regular Board Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:00 a.m. in the County Building.

Members Present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black, Corlew, and Smock.

Absent: None

County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds, Sandra Moore--present.

There were other visitors present.

Accepted the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 18, 1997.

Accepted the Ways & Means Committee Report and approved payment of the following vouchers: General Fund -- \$12,926.73 and Balance from the "Open Invoice Report" in the amount of \$77,378.27; DNR Fund -- \$16.80; Marriage Counseling Fund -- \$1,799.85; Commissioners Per Diem -- Black-\$241.84; Bretzke-\$251.84; Corlew-\$168.00; Hartman-\$231.19; Long-\$128.00; Smock-\$148.00.

Accepted the correspondence as presented.

Reappointed Commissioner John Hartman to the Mental Health Board for the term of April 1, 1997 through March 31, 2000.

Forwarded letters to Senator George McManus, State Representative Allen Lowe, Governor John Engler, and M.A.C. opposing the implementation for "free flow" of waste within the State of Michigan by way of HB4037.

Amended the agenda to allow Attorney William Carey address the Board.

Supported the motion to review Sections 25.06 and 25.07 of the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance as presented by Corporate Counsel.

Established the Public Hearing date to review Sections 25.06 and 25.07 of the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance for 11:00 a.m. on April 15, 1997, and to advertise the Public Hearing in the Crawford County Avalanche.

Amended the agenda to allow citizens who wish to speak address the Board.

Supported the position of Mr. Schoo to encourage complete removal of consideration by the Grayling Recreation Authority to the opening of 187 camp sites.

Rejected the offer of \$23,000.00 for the purchase of Parcel "D" listed with Cornell Realty and return with a counter offer of \$25,000.00 and request Cornell Realty to attend Board Meetings to present all future offers to the Commissioners.

Agreed to form a Crawford County Park Commission with representatives from each of the City/Township Boards to be in position to receive other properties from the State of Michigan.

Agreed to allow Commissioner Corlew to seek the possibility of installation of an elevator in the County Courthouse by pursuit of a

handicap grant.

Agreed to convert the storage room located by the rear Courthouse entrance into the employee breakroom/coatroom with removal of the two temporary existing walls to be completed for use in two weeks.

Directed the County Courthouse/Annex Building Maintenance and custodial staff to report only to the County Board of Commissioners and taking all direction for work assignments from the Chairman of the Board acting as liaison.

Agreed to appropriate funds in the amount of \$500.00 to hire a temporary cleaning assistant to upgrade the Courthouse Building conditions.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerks Office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick J. Lindsey, a single man to CITIZENS BANK, f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 14, 1992 and recorded on September 23, 1992 in Liber 348, on Page 171, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight And 81/100 Dollars (\$16,298.81), including interest at 8.62% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 09/14 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 A.M. on May 7th, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2, Brink's Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 81 of Plats, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27th, 1997

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Attorneys for CITIZENS BANK

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LEGAL

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE

Independent Probate

File No. 97-005676 IE
Estate of RAYMOND G. SCULLEY, deceased
Soc. Sec. 373-24-3297

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or

affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was Meadows of Grayling, Grayling, Michigan died 1-31-97. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Mark Raymond Sculley, 1415 Stone Street, Port Huron, Michigan 48060, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

S. Keith Bankson, P-10408
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Howard A. HAYES and Susan M. HAYES, his wife to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 4th, 1995 and recorded on December 5th, 1995 in Liber 404, on Page 243, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America as assignee, by an assignment dated 12/4/95, which was recorded on February 24, 1997, in Liber 425, on Page 503, Crawford County Records, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three And 22/100 Dollars (\$38,863.22), including interest at 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 23rd, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and the Southeasterly 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated March 13, 1997

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

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File #97020625

LEGAL ACTION

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will be accepting sealed bids from license contractors for the construction of a 24' by 48' addition, with basement, to the township hall on Sherman Road. Bids must be submitted directly to the office of the Supervisor, Mark Kniss, at 7416 N. Sherman Rd., Frederic, MI 49733, by 5 pm Tuesday, April 15, 1997. Sealed bids will be opened and reviewed at the regular April 15th board meeting which begins at 7:30 pm, at the township hall. Bidders may contact McHugh Engineering Corporation at 1624 Old-27 South, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735, ph. 517-732-0770 for prints and specifications. Maple Forest Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, which they feel is in their best interest. Contractors must provide a performance and payment Bond. Bidders must be qualified by the architect and township board.

Susan M. Keene
Township Clerk

-27-3-10

PUBLIC HEARING

"DECriminalization OF CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE"

A public hearing will be held by the board of commissioners for further review of decriminalizing the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at 11 am, in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
March 7, 1997

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Section 25.06 - Penalties

The County Board, or any owner or owners of real estate within the district in which such buildings, structures or land use is situated may institute injunction, mandamus abatement or any other appropriate action, actions or proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove any said unlawful erection, construction, maintenance or use of land, buildings or structures. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative, and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

Section 25.07 - Enforcement Procedure

The following additional enforcement procedures may be applicable in the instances of violations of (1) provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, (2) approved special uses, (3) approved planned unit developments, (4) approved site plans or (5) decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, County Board of Commissioners, or Circuit Court relative to a particular land use development or activity approved under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance:

- When a violation is initially determined by the Zoning Administrator, it shall be the Administrator's responsibility to issue a "Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation" to the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the lot or parcel upon which the zoning violation has occurred. This Notice shall be issued on a special form for this purpose and shall at least include the following information pertinent to the violation:
 - Date and location of each violation observed by the Zoning Administrator.
 - Name (s) and addresses of owner (s) and occupant (s).
 - Specification section (s) of the Zoning Ordinance which has been violated. If more than one violation, list each violation and each section violated.
 - Length of time allowed before further prosecution of the violation (s).
- Failing compliance by owner (s) and occupant (s) by specified date in A. above, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a "Second Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation."
- Failure to comply with the procedures outlined in A. and B. above shall then upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator result in the issuance of a "Notice of Show-Cause Hearing" by the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the holding of a special hearing by the Commission for those parties interested in the violation (s).
- Failure to comply with the procedure of A, B, and C above shall then result in the issuance of a "Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order" by the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order Form shall indicate the findings of fact about the violation (s) by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commission's conclusions and its order for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to each violation.
- In the event of a failure to comply with the procedure outlined in 1-4, the County Board above may then institute of a procedure to seek prosecution of violations in Circuit Court consistent with the relief measures set forth in Section 25.06.
- In lieu of the procedures outlined in Sections 25.07 A-D, the County Board, upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator, may proceed directly to Circuit Court to seek prosecution of violations in a manner consistent with the relief measures set forth in Section 25.06.
- County Board of Commissioners, Zoning Board members, Zoning Board of Appeals members, Building Administrator and any other County official or employee charged with administrative and enforcement duties and responsibilities under provisions of this Zoning Ordinance are hereby protected from all personal liability for damages to persons or property resulting from the carrying out of their duties and responsibilities, providing each official or employee is conducting the carrying out of their duties of their office responsibility to the best of their judgment. In accordance with Public Act 55 of 1970 (MCL 69.1408) any civil charges brought in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities shall be defended by a legal representative of the County until final adjudication of the charges has been concluded and decided upon. If a judgment for damages is awarded against any of the aforementioned county officials and employees as a result of a civil carrying out of their duties and responsibilities under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, the County shall pay, negotiate or do all that is necessary to arrive at a settlement in order to abate the charges and satisfy the judgment, providing an official or employee is conducting the carrying out of their duties of office responsibility to the best of their judgment

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CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting of February 18, 1997

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:05 a.m. in the County Building on February 18, 1997.

Members present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black, Corlew, and Smock.
Members absent: None.
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds, Sandra Moore—present.

There were also other visitors present.
—Agenda was amended to allow John Schneider and Fred Fedak to make a presentation regarding the Edges Proposed Raceway.
—Conducted the scheduled Public Hearing to review the final Crawford County Recreation Plan.

—Adopted Resolution No. 97-0218, the revised 1997 Crawford County Recreation Plan, with additions and changes as needed covering the years 1997 through 2002 as prepared by Northeast Michigan Council of Governments.

—Invited Mr. Phil Parmelee to pursue the Edges Project through the task force established by John Schneider and Fred Fedak, and that the Commissioners will look favorably upon the acquisition of State lands for this project.

—Accepted the Regular Board Minutes of the February 7, 1997 meeting.

—Accepted the correspondence as presented.

—Agreed to forward correspondence five to the County Treasurer to discuss with the County CPA's and advise of findings.

—Amended the agenda to allow Roberta Buss, Director of New Life Community Services address the Board.

—Allowed Gregory Paffhouse, Executive Director of North Central Community Mental Health Services to address the Board.

—Rejected the counter offer of \$22,000.00 presented for purchase of Parcel "D" located next to Grayling Power Equipment.

—Requested that Housing Director Sandra Brody address the Board with details regarding the Landlord Loan Program (LLP) Participation Agreement.

—Allowed the Easter Seal Society of Michigan to place a S & F Vending candy machine in the Courthouse lobby to help raise money for programs and services for the children and adults with disabilities in our area.

—Agreed to participate with the Crawford AuSable School System who will pay \$5,000.00 towards funding of a Block Grant of which the County agrees to provide the \$5,000.00 balance requested and not exceeding \$5,000.00 enable the County to receive a State Block Grant for hiring an officer.

—Agreed to adopt the Resolution of Agency Pursuant to Section 87c or Act 206 as presented by the County Treasurer, Joseph Wakeley.

—Adopted the Depository & Investment

Resolution for Crawford County Resolution No. 96-0218 as presented by County Treasurer, Joseph Wakeley.

—Amended the agenda to have Sandra Brody address the Board.

—Entered into an agreement between the Michigan Department of Commerce and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to participate in the Landlord Loan Program (LLP) Participation Agreement as described by the Housing Director, Sandra Brody.

—Requested that the Health Department advise of any ordinance steps or legislation available which would be beneficial for eliminating the dangers of second hand smoke.

—Invited the Chairman of the Road Commission of Crawford County to attend the March 4, 1997 Regular Board Meeting to discuss concerns of the Board and public.

—Requested that Attorney William Carey attend the next Board Meeting of March 4, 1997 and present for signature the Decriminalization Ordinance and answer questions from the Board.

—Nominated Deputy William Bonkowski as the Crawford County "Employee of the Month for March 1997".

—Effective March 1, 1997 the present employee break room located across from the District Court offices be converted into an office with a desk and conference table for use by the County Commissioners, and an employee break room be re established in the Courthouse basement area.

—Agreed to forward full payment in the amount of \$22,969.00 to Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services for the substance abuse portion pursuant to Section 6226, Act 368 of Public Acts 1978.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

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RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Held on the 10th Day of March 1997 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golaick at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golaick, Akers, Rudy, Mosher.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W.

NEWS
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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY DAILY BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION

Please be advised of the following motion passed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at the March 18, 1997, regular board meeting. This procedure is intended to enable better assistance and service to the residents of Crawford County.

In conducting daily business of concerns and inquiries with the road Commission of Crawford, please follow this procedure:

1. first contact the road commission office. If no response...
2. Contact the road commission directly as their telephone numbers are all publicly listed. If no response...
3. Contact your township/city officials or the county commissioners and advise of complaint or concern.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
March 21, 1997

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NOTICE

FULL-TIME BUILDING OFFICIAL/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Grayling Township is seeking a State Registered Code Official/Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer to provide residential, commercial and industrial inspections in conjunction with permits issued through the Grayling Township Building and Zoning Department.

Applicants may qualify for a provisional registration with the Michigan Dept. of Labor if they have four years (8,320 hours) experience in building construction, are a licensed builder, superintendent, foreman, architect or engineer. A person qualifying for a provisional license must register with the State of Michigan within 30 days of hire and progressively earn credits toward State Registration.

The employee will also be charged with enforcing Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance, Junk & Garbage Ordinance, Public Nuisance & Anti-Noise Ordinance and Sign Ordinance. Training in this area will be provided by Grayling Township.

Employee will be required to serve as Grayling Township Hall and Compactor Station Building Maintenance Coordinator and will perform periodic inspections to insure Township facilities are in top condition.

Employee must retain a valid Michigan driver's license and have their own transportation. Mileage is reimbursed.

Employee should possess a degree of computer literacy and be able and willing to work with computers.

To obtain a complete job description, benefit package, application form or to submit resume, please contact: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm, April 21, 1997.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Kim McClain, Bob Butzin, Michele Butzin, 3 Students, Fred Fedak, Linda Fedak, Cheri Hunter, Dennis Long, Judy Long, John Meharg, Verna Meharg, Wayne Winchester, Norm Bancroft, Eric Gaertner of Avalanché and other citizens.

III. 97-28

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. Revised Housing Commission Minutes of 11-14-96.

b. Kimball Power Co regarding Wheeling of Power Meeting.

c. Letter to Dennis Long regarding Hostage Situation.

d. Correspondence regarding appointment of Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. Dean Goss was elected as Fire Chief and Duane Brooks was elected as Assistant Fire Chief effective April 1, 1997.

e. M.M.L. Legislative Bulletin.

VI. Old Business

a. Letter to Crawford County with Invoice for Railroad Crossing Signal Maintenance.

VII. New Business.

a. Request of 3 Employees to buy M.E.R.S. Credit. Mr. Stevens said we need to develop a management plan for administration of the M.E.R.S. program before changes are made and before any city employee is allowed to buy prior service time. Mr. Morford noted that the new plan document received last week states a need for a written policy prior to consideration of employees buying time for prior service.

Mr. Long addressed Council as to the employees request and explained their position. Mr. Stevens was concerned about cost to city and restated his desire for a management plan.

97-29

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golaick for the City to develop a management plan for the M.E.R.S. program addressing the buying in program and related issues before any changes are made and before purchase of prior service time is considered.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Akers), Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Liquor License Transfer Request 97-30

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to approve transfer of the liquor license from Grayling Inn Inc. to Hotel of Grayling, Inc. as requested. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager

a. Grayling Chamber of Commerce announce a new Chamber Director Ms. McConnell effective 3-17-97.

b. Information copy from Dave Sabin for 6.5 hours of billed time for February 1997.

c. Racetrack Project update

d. ISTE report. Meeting in Atlanta, Michigan. Dave Frederick was elected Chair of Region for ISTE.

IX. Reports of Council Members

a. Mr. Stevens had complaints on last snow storm regarding streets and how narrow the streets have become due to all of the snow. Other Councilmen had received complaints also.

b. Mr. Golaick had a letter that was being passed around town giving false impressions that the City had been involved in the Race Track issue and had somehow denied the project.

X. Adjournment 97-31

Moved by Golaick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 96 3859 CK (M)
CAROLINE M. HALL,
Plaintiff

vs.
PATTI M. PARTELLO and
CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.,
Defendants.

DAVID R. SABIN P19822
Attorney for Defendant
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.
Defendant in Pro Per
6464 AsSable Street
Frederic, Michigan 49733

PATTI M. PARTELLO
Defendant in Pro Per
P.O. Box 465
Grayling, MI 49738

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, directing the sale of the following property, legally described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, McRae's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 09, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

I shall offer the property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk A. Wakefield
Sheriff/Under Sheriff

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PROBATE COURT JUVENILE DIVISION ORDER FOR PUBLICATION ON HEARING

Case No. 97-002061-NA

TO: Mr. Edward Elford
P.O. Box 186, 7725 May Lake Rd.
Frederic, MI 49733

IN THE MATTER OF: PAUL L. ELFORD, MISTY ELFORD, LINDY ELFORD, and GAYLORD ELFORD

A Child Protective Proceeding petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on April 16, 1997 & April 17, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Probate Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that EDWARD ELFORD personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in a decision at a Bench Trial whether the Court should exercise authority over the children because of neglect or abuse. You are notified that this hearing may result in the temporary or permanent loss of your rights to the children.

March 31, 1997
JOHN G. HUNTER,
Judge of Probate

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MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The regular meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 1997, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 7:30 pm, at the township hall.

Susan M. Keene
Maple Forest Township Clerk

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HOUSING & REHABILITATION COMMISSION POSTING NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will accept applications for persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Housing & Rehabilitation Commission. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Applications will be accepted until 4 pm on April 10, 1997.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

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NOTICE

PART-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR Grayling Township is seeking a State Registered Electrical Inspector on a contractual basis to provide residential, commercial and industrial electrical inspections in conjunction with permits issued through the Grayling Township Building & Zoning Department.

Applicants may qualify for a provisional registration having worked two years as a licensed journeyman or by being a licensed master electrical. A person qualifying for a provisional registration must register with the State of Michigan within 30 days of hire and progressively earn credits toward State Registration.

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Grayling Township Clerk

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FEATURES

ASTROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 30-April 5

ARIES

March 21-April 20

You've been able to relax lately, but today it's back to the grind. Extensive changes in some area of your life could have you feeling unbalanced. Try to retreat to a place of peace and quiet to restore your equilibrium. Call a faraway friend for a pick-me-up; they will have good news to share.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

The quest for romance could carry you far this week. Listen to your heart as well as your head and you'll do just fine. This is a good week to change your life for the better - if you've been thinking about ending a bad habit, now is the time.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

A sudden windfall could be in the offing. Prudence should dictate its use. Although you may be tempted to live high on the hog, you would do well to plan ahead for a rainy day. An old friend offers some inspiring news.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

This is a good week to give your contemplative energies a free rein. You could discover a startling insight. Put it to use in shaping your future plans. Your hard-working attitude could make a big impression on someone near you, so keep up the good work!

LEO

July 23-August 23

Don't fight things this week - instead, go with the flow. Look for an answer to be forthcoming on a difficult question. A friend's confidence could be the source of conflict for you, but try to maintain silence. In the long run, you'll be glad you did.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Your practical nature and sense of humor are in rare form this week. Go ahead - let yourself giggle. This is a good time to take stock of the progress you've made over the last year or so. If you're better off, great. If not, what can you do differently?

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

You're successful beyond your understanding this week. Give credit where it's due, or you could make an enemy. That's something you really don't need. When conflict looms, see if you can defuse the issue before entering into an argument.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Finish your chores before indulging in something decadent. Don't look for understanding in a book this week. You're better off seizing the bull by the horns and looking for insight in the real world. Give a family member a little extra TLC this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

A hot tempered person has a major impact on your peace of mind. This is a good week to ask someone for advice, but not for following it blindly. If you're in doubt, get a second opinion. Although you may want a commitment, now is not the time.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

A complicated love life could be due to factors beyond your control. If you're not ready to answer a question, don't allow yourself to be bullied. Avoid being drawn into a pointless argument. If there's nothing to be gained, then you're better occupied elsewhere.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Take a strong stance with someone who's been putting you off. The outcome could be better than you expect. Don't worry about one who seems ungrateful. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Your first impulse might not be the right one to follow this week. Be sure to allow yourself a cooling-off time if a major decision looms. Focus on finding a career challenge, especially if you're feeling bored. Don't spend more than you can afford this weekend.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



DOG NEEDS HOME — This husky-mix male is about one-year old. He seems to be housebroken and is very friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

"LEMON BLUEBERRY OATMEAL MUFFINS"

(1 dozen)

1 3/4 C. Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked), divided
2 T. packed brown sugar
1 C. all-purpose flour
1/2 C. granulated sugar
1 T. baking powder
1/4 t. salt (optional)

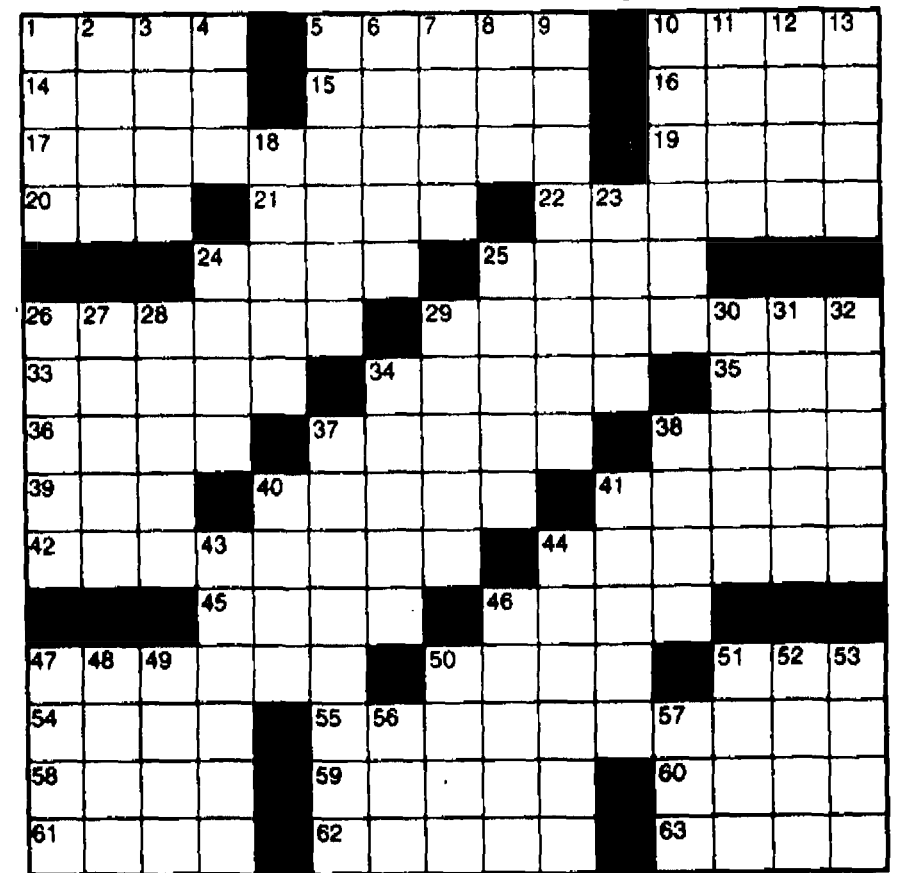
1 C. skim milk
2 egg whites, lightly beaten
2 T. vegetable oil
1 t. grated lemon peel
1 t. vanilla
1 C. fresh or frozen blueberries (do not thaw)

Heat oven to 400°F. Line 12 medium muffin cups with paper baking cups. For topping, combine 1/4 C. oats and brown sugar; set aside. For muffins, combine remaining 1 1/2 C. oats, flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt in large bowl; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Gently stir in berries. Fill muffin cups almost full; sprinkle with topping. Bake 20-24 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool muffins in pan on wire rack five minutes; remove from pan. Serve warm.

*Add 2 T. additional flour if using old-fashioned oats.
NUTRITION INFORMATION: (1 muffin): Calories, 160; calories from fat, 30; total fat, 3g; saturated fat, 0.5g; cholesterol, 0mg; sodium, 110mg; dietary fiber, 2g (1g soluble).



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ACROSS

1. Treasures
5. Venue
10. Creator of Blondie and Dagwood
14. Catchall (abbr.)
15. Violin bow need
16. Bum's
17. "Famous for 15 minutes" predictor
19. Singer Logan
20. Nomad of a film
21. Concerning
22. Rouse
24. Not repeated
25. Young herring
26. Renter
29. With fixed purpose
33. Girasols
34. Partner of skin
35. "Can I Turn To?"
36. Cher's ex
37. Cumulus, e.g.
38. PT boat's WC
39. Trick-or-treat mo.
40. Shingles
41. Tartuffian
42. Uses a strop
44. Part of USPS
45. Like summertime tea
46. Flutterer
47. Osprey's "nest"
50. Time periods
51. Caustic substance
54. Fascinated

DOWN

1. One of four on the floor
2. Lab heater
3. Formed
4. Furtive
5. Cavort
6. Peter of films
7. Wimbledon champ of 1975
8. AFL's partner
9. Blown up
10. Make
11. Wrestler Hogan
12. Presque, Maine
13. Mahayana sect
18. Napa exports
23. Accessories for Dolly Parton
24. King Harald V's capital
25. Round in some game shows
26. Timber wolves
27. Distinctive time
28. Barbara
29. Condemns
30. Lived
31. apso
32. Sing without words
34. Ambition
37. Yelling "rah" and "ole"
38. It's slung at the diner (abbr.)
40. Pound operators (abbr.)
41. All That Jazz man
43. Falsified
44. Gave zero stars to
46. Not tight
47. "Second Rose"
48. Baseballer Tommie
49. Nary a one
50. "On The Warpath"
51. Falstaff, for one
52. Tug sharply
53. Means justifiers, sometimes
56. Munch's homeland (abbr.)
57. Lanka

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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 4, 1974

Bishop Edmund C. Szoka, of the Diocese of Gaylord, announced that the Rev. Thomas Nies, pastor of St. Mary's in Manistee, has been elected Vicar of the Central Region of the Diocese of Gaylord.

Following a decrease in National Guard training at Camp Grayling this summer, it was announced this week by Col. Edmund Rutkowski, Camp Commander, that during the summer of 1975, over 25,000 troops will be here, and in 1976 in excess of 28,000 guardsmen will use the camp's facilities.

A fire, at the home of Mrs. Juanita Rogers of Maple Forest Township, was reported by a neighbor at 9:15 a.m., according to Frederic fire chief, Al Leng. The loss was estimated at \$12,500, and was insured. No one was home at the time.

The Grayling Country Club will open this year on April 13, weather permitting, so golfers get those clubs shined up!

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dudley of Midland, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doby and family.

The Extension Club will meet at the Ladies Club Room on Friday, April 5th, at 12 noon. Bring a small piece of material, glue and scissors. There will be a lesson on making flowers.

A weekend of entertainment, fun and harmonizing was enjoyed by the Roscommon Chapter of Sweet Adelines on March 22nd-24th, when they took part in the 1974 Regional Competition in Grand Rapids. Members of the chapter from the Grayling area are Kathy Blaine, Donna Denton, Sharon Huss, Thelma Hunter, Sherry LaMay, Marge Len, Carolyn MacLean, Ruth Ann Meaker, Nancy Nunn, Donna Thomson and Loretta Whaley.

Vocational speaker for the A.B.W.A. March meeting was Elaine Harland who certainly loves her jobs, both of them. Elaine manages the 4 F Club on the AuSable River and that means she's everything from chauffeur

to cook and bottle washer. Her second job is the Zoning Board in Crawford County. Elaine was the 1st woman on the board, and really enjoys its duties, too. She sounds like a busy gal, but a very contented one.

LaVerne Tottingham and son Wade, Clyde Tottingham and son Labon were weekend callers of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haggadone. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stilson and family of Elmira, were Sunday callers of the Haggadones.

Kristen Englund, a senior at Western Michigan University, recently performed in the 27th annual W.M.U. Synchronized Swim Show. Kris is a member of W.M.U.'s Aqua Sprites Club and is a physical education major with an aquatic emphasis. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Englund attended one of the performances.

Black & White Foodland is having their beef sale. Chuck steak is \$.89 per pound; chuck roast is \$1.29 per pound; round bone beef roast is \$1.39 per pound and hamburger is \$1.09 per pound.

46 Years Ago April 5, 1951

Mrs. Robert Steckling returned home Saturday from a visit with relatives and friends in Chicago.

The cement block work is now completed on Lovell's new Town Hall and at the board meeting last Saturday, bids were accepted to finish the rest of the construction of the building. Peirson Spaulding has charge of the carpenter work. The plumbing to be done by B-BD Co., and the electric work to be done by Bud Jorgenson. When completed it will be one of the finest in the County, and will replace the one destroyed by fire last fall.

Leo Morency and daughters, Juanita and Donna Lee spent Monday in Traverse City on business.

Miss Joyce Howse spent Sunday at her home. She had as her guest Murland Reed of Flushing.

Mrs. Ivan Hamblin and two daughters, also Geneva White went to Traverse City on business Tuesday.

Emil Tahvonen, Emil Giegling and Don K. Gothro were named to the three City Council posts for four year terms in the spring biennial election held Monday. Giegling and Gothro were incumbents but Tahvonen is a new member replacing Jess Schoonover.

Kenneth D. Allen, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Allen of Box 84, Frederic, is undergoing recruit training at the world's largest Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bindschattel went to see their son, Lowell, who was hurt in an auto wreck last week.

Miss Joan Randolph became the bride of Clifton "Kip" Papendick in a double ring ceremony solemnized at the Baptist Church in Lansing on Saturday, March 17 at seven o'clock in the evening. Rev. Gilbert Miles officiated.

Mrs. Alfred Sorenson was hostess to the Saturday Bridge Club on March 31 at Shoppenagon's Inn. Prizes were won by Mrs. Willard Cornell, high, and Mrs. Charles Piper, second high.

Mr. and Mrs. Kip Papendick of Flint spent the weekend here visiting their respective parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear entertained with a dinner party on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gerald Poor and daughter, Mary, of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday visiting the Fred Lamms.

The Consumers Light and Power Co., Saturday purchased the Michigan Public Service interests in Frederic operated in the past by Wm. Leng, and Frederic will soon have street lights.

Elroy Barber left Tuesday morning to start his summers work with the Oil Co., at Mt. Pleasant.

69 Years Ago April 5, 1928

John Deckrow has just finished a real old fashioned grandfather clock, seven feet, four and one half inches tall. This is the result of a two years painstaking labor. It is a work of art and workmanship.

Mr. J. L. Martin and son, Edward are spending the week in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nolan of Minocqua, Wisconsin have been visiting in Crawford and Roscommon Counties the past couple of weeks.

Albert Hoffman and family are moving into the house on Michigan Avenue vacated by the Bert Chappel family.

Among the list of names of mayors elected in the various cities of the state we note that Frank D. Phelps, a former Grayling boy, has been elected mayor of Hudson.

Misses Eleanor and Mary Esther Schumann, Elizabeth Matson and Grace Hood left this morning for a weekend visit in Lansing, Flint and Saginaw. Part of the time they will be guest of Miss Cathryn Lee at Flint.

All semblance of winter has disappeared in Grayling, no snow and very little frost on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. James Milne returned Monday from California, after spending the winter. While there they visited the Mrs. Marie Fisher family and Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and family, former residents.

Miss Anna Mae Lewis is enjoying a new Whippet coupe, purchased from the Moshier Garage.

On the occasion of his birthday, Tuesday, Thorwald Sorenson entertained 14 of his friends at his home.

WEDDING

SPRING BREAK

How many words can you find in this one?

WEATHER					
Courtesy of the City of Grayling					
Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground	
3/26	37	30	0.12	18"	
3/27	43	28		16"	
3/28	62	31		15"	
3/29	54	38	0.05	14"	
3/30	42	27	0.02	13"	
3/31	42	12	0.07	13"	
4/01	39	12		12"	

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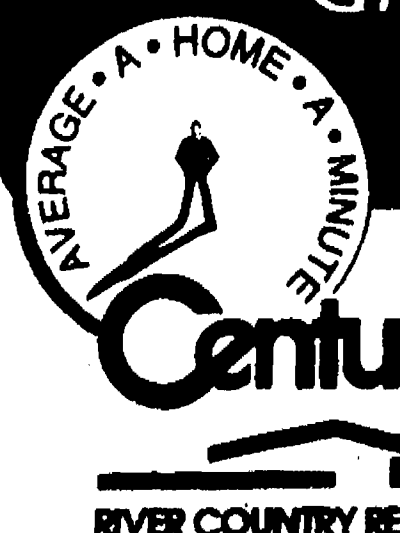
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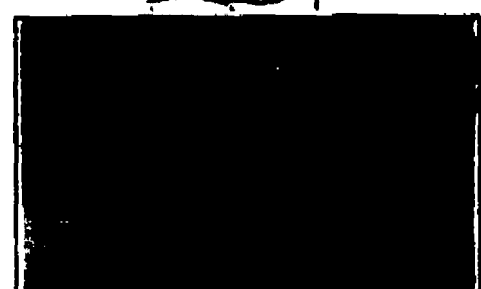
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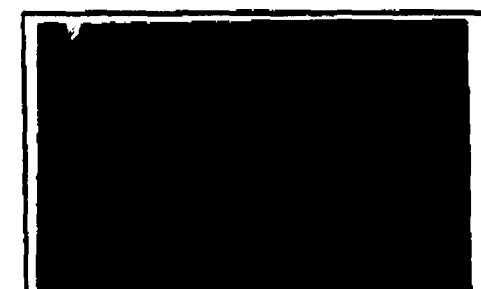
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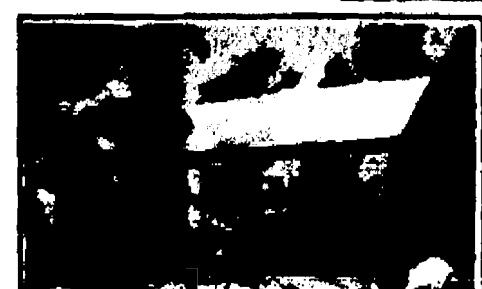
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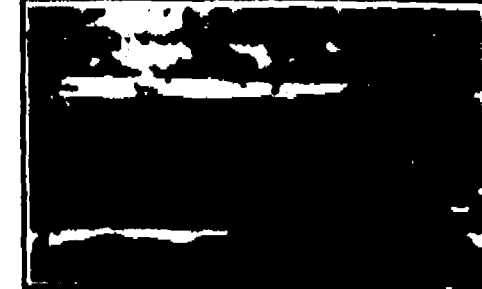
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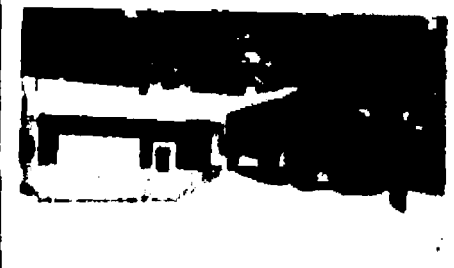
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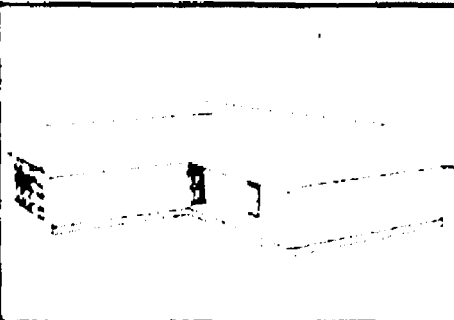
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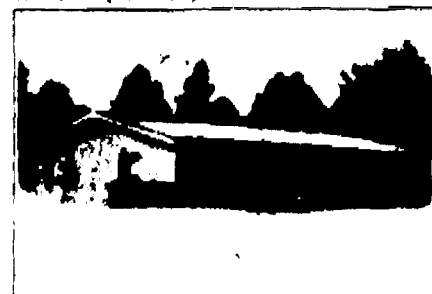
ELM STREET Two lots with a variety of trees. Two-bedroom home, just remodeled, storage building and fenced yard. \$66,900. Reduced to \$41,500. Rental income? (MC-499)



NORTHERN CABIN Modern two-bedroom cabin, freshly painted, new carpet, new oak cabinets. Close access to state land, Manistee River, horse and snowmobile trails. \$29,900. (DL-69)



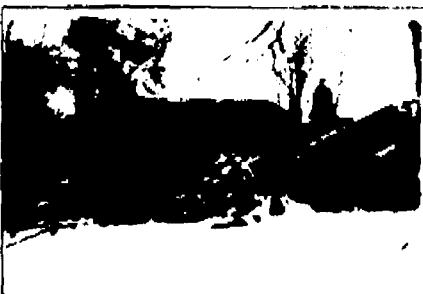
NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD Handy to state land, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. Modern one-bedroom cabin, garage and shed. \$35,000. (DL-35)



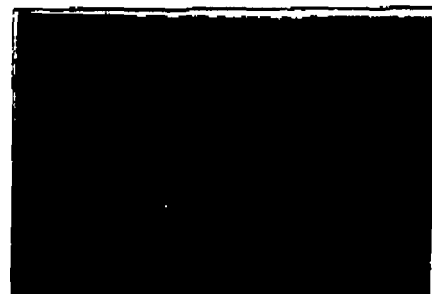
TIMBER TRAIL IS THE LOCATION Ten acres wooded—almost new home. Three bedrooms, two baths, 8x28 deck, 30x40 pole bldg and storage shed. Includes stove and refrigerator and window treatment. \$85,000. (MC-518)



CITY CONVENIENCE Three-bedroom, two-bath home, like-new condition. Natural gas hot water heat. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Deck and parking slab, four ceiling fans. \$39,800. (LM-920)



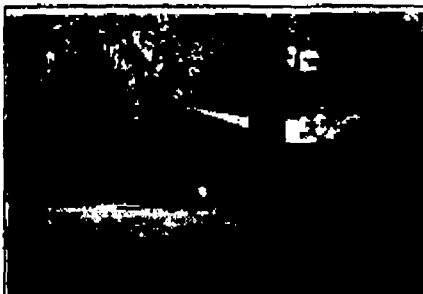
CUTE 2-BEDROOM, full-log home w/100' frontage on Lake Manistee, a no-wake lake w/great fishing. South of Waters on Old-27. 1-car garage w/ample storage. Guest house w/kitchenette & bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently-remodeled bath & kitchen. Excellent hunting area w/state land just outside the door. Includes appliances. \$139,900. Reduced, \$129,900. (SG-22)



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INVESTMENT PROPERTY 250' on Michigan Avenue. Two-bedroom home, full basement, attached garage, additional 24x24 area presently used by pet groomer. Great location for a medical clinic or offices, fronting on three streets. \$90,000. (MC-519)



AUSABLE RIVER 220' frontage, three-to-four-bedroom home with carport and workshop. Beautiful trees and a great view of the river. New furnace and hot water heater, some new carpet. Convenient location—over 2,000 sq. ft., 1 1/2 baths, fireplace. \$135,000. (DM-34)



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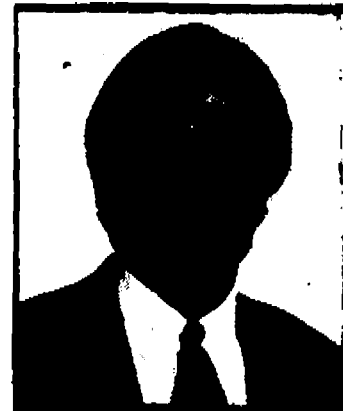
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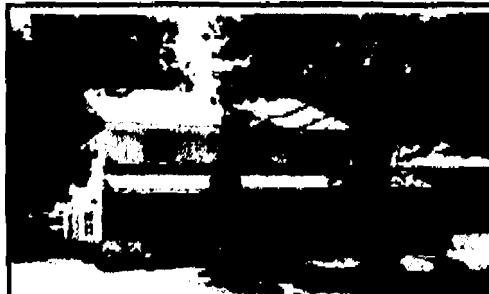
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QUAD-LEVEL HOME offers four to five bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, family room, stone fireplace, bow window in living room, natural gas heat, two-car attached garage with separate work room. Many features too numerous to mention. \$105,000. CK-430



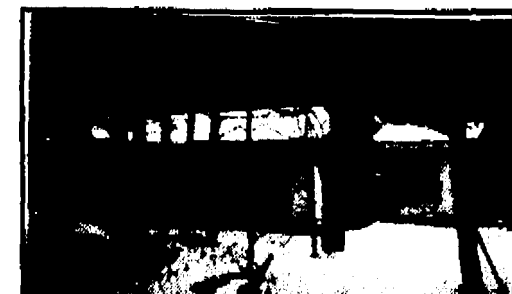
LAKE MARGRETHE 50' sandy beach frontage, full-log, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, enclosed porch patio, hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplace, complete with dock, furniture, appliances, rustic knotty pine interior. A rare opportunity at \$189,900. CH-251



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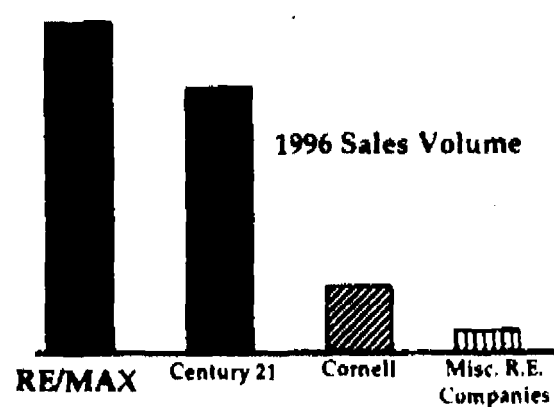
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9. Personals

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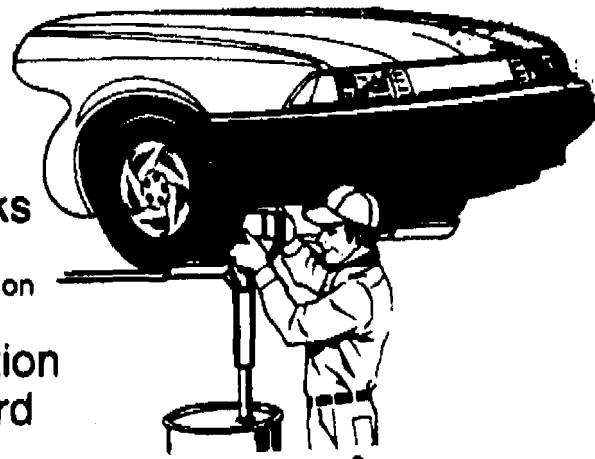
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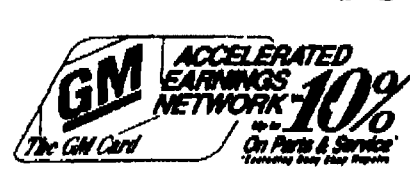
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Tough drunk driving laws took effect April 1

New drunk driving laws took effect in Michigan on April Fool's Day, and it's no joke. The four laws — Public Acts 490, 491, 492 and 493 — provide stiffer penalties for minors and first-time violators, and clamp down hard on repeat offenders.

"We applaud state legislators for taking a firm stance against drunk drivers," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Alcohol continues to play a major role in Michigan crashes. In fact, alcohol was a factor in 36.9

percent of all fatal crashes in this state during 1995 — an increase of 7.8 percent."

According to Basch, about one-third of those arrested or convicted of drunk driving are repeat offenders. As many as 75 percent of convicted drunk drivers nationwide continue to drive with a suspended license.

Following is a summary of the four new Michigan laws, designed to help reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths:

- **PA 490** — Allows for the warrantless arrest of an intoxicated person found in the driver's seat of a vehicle, if any part of that vehicle intrudes onto the roadway. The warrantless arrest provision also applies to boat operators who have been involved in a crash and are suspected of being drunk.

- **PA 491** — Gives judges the power to seize a vehicle for a first-time drunk driving arrest, a second impaired conviction within seven years, three drunk driving convictions within 10 years or an alcohol conviction where a driver caused serious injury or death.

- **PA 492** — Penalties pertaining to underage drinking or possession include fines of up to \$100, and/or 90 days in jail; community service and substance abuse counseling for first-time offenders. Police can arrest

Gosnell awarded CRS designation

Jerry G. Gosnell, associate broker, RE/MAX of Grayling, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Those receiving the CRS Designation must complete the required courses offered by the Residential Sales Council and demonstrate specific expertise in applied residential real estate marketing. Over 31,000 realtors hold the CRS Designation, representing four percent of all realtors.

Gosnell is a member of the Water Wonderland Board of Realtors. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Grayling, Crawford County United Way, and serves on the steering committee of the Junior Achievement program for Crawford County.

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